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## Jaywalker struck by police car

**STREETS** Another pedestrian has been struck while jaywalking in Toronto, this time by an unmarked police cruiser.

It happened Tuesday evening in the east end (on Coxwell near Mortimer) and the pedestrian's injuries are non life-threatening. Staff Sgt. Devin Kealey said the officer behind the wheel had no chance of stopping in time. He said the female pedestrian tried to cross the street at mid-block and walked out between parked cars wearing dark clothes.

Fourteen pedestrians were struck and killed in the Toronto area last month — almost half as many for all of 2009.

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Raptors **Net gain**

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Toronto Raptors guard Marco Belinelli, left, is fouled by New Jersey Nets centre Brook Lopez during last night's NBA game at the Air Canada Centre. The Raptors won 108-99. More coverage, page 22. Link to exclusive Raptors game report and highlights, see the top of page 22.

# Slaying detailed

## Trial begins for school death of Jordan Manners

**When a 15-year-old boy, whose death would prompt major reviews of school safety, lay dying at the bottom of a stairwell in his high school no one realized at first that he had been shot, a Toronto court heard yesterday.**

Jordan Manners was lying not in a pool of blood, as the bullet was lodged inside his slender body, but in his own urine, struggling to breathe and trying to speak.

It was only when teachers and staff noticed a discolouration around a hole in his white jacket — right by the zipper, which was partially melted — that they realized he had been shot.

Several witnesses are expected to testify they saw Manners walking with the two accused right before he collapsed, Crown attorney Aaron Del Rizzo told the jury.

"(They) had the exclusive opportunity to carry out the planned and deliberate murder of Jordan Manners," he said in his opening address.

One witness, he said, is expected to testify she saw Manners just after 2 p.m. walking down a set of stairs, carrying a pop can. One accused was in front of him while the other was behind him.

Manners, who had turned 15 just days before his death, died of a gunshot wound almost directly in the middle of his chest. The bullet from a .25-calibre gun went through his heart, pierced his lung and was lodged in his body, Del Rizzo said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Not guilty pleas

• Two young men pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder yesterday in the May 23, 2007, death of Jordan Manners. They cannot be identified as they were under 18 at the time of the killing.

# PGA may have a Tiger sighting this month: Report

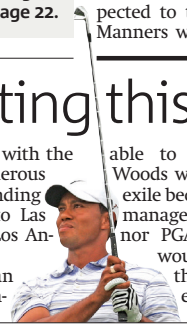
**GOLF** Will Tiger Woods emerge on the PGA Tour in Arizona this month at a tournament put on by one of his former sponsors?

According to the Melbourne Herald Sun, Woods will play in the Accenture Match Play Championship at the Dove Mountain course near Tucson.

Accenture used Woods as the financial services company sole celebrity endorser in its advertising before dropping him as the sex scandal deepened with the revelation of numerous girlfriends extending from New York to Las Vegas and on to Los Angeles.

The Australian newspaper was unable to confirm when Woods will emerge from exile because neither his management agency nor PGA Tour officials would comment on the unsubstantiated claim by one of the newspaper's columnists, Mark Hayes.

According to the Tribune, Woods is "poised to make a shock return to competitive golf" at the Accenture tournament, which starts Feb. 15. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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# Local

## College strike deadline extended

**Ontario's 9,000 community college teachers will vote on a so-called final contract offer Feb. 10, and the union has moved its strike deadline as a result. The deadline had been Feb. 11, but union negotiator Ted Montgomery, left, says it has been moved to Feb. 17 to allow for more talks should the offer be voted down. The Ontario Labour Relations Board will oversee the vote by college faculty on the proposed contract, which was rejected by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## News in brief

**NO MORE BREW** The long, strange saga of Steelback Brewery has apparently come to an end. An online report says the brewery founded in 2002 by colourful, but controversial businessman Frank D'Angelo has shut its doors for good, and several industry sources say some of its equipment is already being put up for sale. Owner Jonathon Sherman, who took over in 2008, did not return calls and emails seeking comment yesterday.
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John Sewell writes about local issues facing the GTA in Urban Compass.

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# Hitting gym before hitting books

## 20 minutes on treadmill each morning runaway success for GTA school

**After settling in and listening to the morning announcements, the boys in the behavioural class at James S. Bell public school don't hit the books.**

They hit the gym.

With four treadmills and four stationary bikes set up in their classroom, the class of seven — sometimes eight — boys works up a sweat for 20 minutes before getting down to business. The boys can also use the equipment during the day when they need to.

"If I feel antsy during the day, or feel like misbehaving, I ask if I can use the treadmill or the bike," said Altyn, 12. "I have so much energy built up in my body and I'm letting it out without being rude or obnoxious."

His classmate, William, has lost 20 pounds since the "Back on Track" program began in December. While people might think the exercise simply wears the kids out, it actually gives them more and "positive energy," he said, adding he is now better able to focus during class.

"I noticed I can run faster — outside we play tag and I used to get caught right away," said the 13-year-old. "Now I'm the last one."

The unusual experiment at the Etobicoke elementary school is based on a growing body of research tying physical activity to improved attention and learning. In Ontario, elementary students must do 20 minutes of activity a day, such as games or dancing.

John Currie, principal at James S. Bell, said while students and their families were supportive from Day 1, it wasn't until after the Christmas break that he knew he had a winner.

"My heart grew three sizes when, after the vacation, all the boys remembered to bring their phys-ed clothing," he said, adding: "Three used their Christmas money to buy new shoes" to exercise in.

Currie was inspired after seeing a television documentary last summer about a Saskatoon teacher who put treadmills in her Grade 8 behavioural classroom.

Ken Allison, a professor in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto, said apart from health benefits — especially with the problem of childhood obesity — a study he conducted found a correlation between regular, vigorous physical activity and less psychological distress in teens, such as depression and anxiety.
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James S. Bell public school students take a rest after completing a morning workout. Principal John Currie introduced the exercise machines to help improve behaviour issues in the classroom.

## Singles say nay to Cupid's day

**ANTI-VALENTINE** Love stinks, Cupid's stupid, roses are dead.

And if that doesn't say nay to Valentine's Day, how about just ripping the heads off teddy bears?

That was one idea floated by a group of Oshawa teens planning to "uncelebrate" the occasion with a party at their public library Feb. 8.

The teens are part of a growing trend to declare war on Feb. 14 and its sappy trappings.
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# Fantino influence charge dropped

**COURT** An email from Ontario's top cop telling municipal officials they'd be billed if officers were injured during protests over an aboriginal occupation does not warrant a criminal prosecution, the Crown told court yesterday in withdrawing the charge.

Ontario Provincial Police commissioner Julian Fantino was facing a charge of trying to influence municipal officials in connection with the ongoing occupation in the town of Caledonia — an offence that carries a five-year prison term if convicted.

The private charge was brought by activist Gary McHale, who has led a number of rallies decrying what he calls two-tier justice in the policing of the Six Nations occupation south of Hamilton.

Gary McHale

The April 7, 2007, email Fantino sent to county officials said if any officers were injured in protests "instigated by Mr. McHale, or his followers, the commissioner would send a bill for the costs of policing to Haldimand County," special Crown prosecutor Milan Rupic told a packed courtroom.

While Rupic said he appreciated some members of the municipal council were "upset or felt threatened, so to speak, at receiving the email" he added he was satisfied that commissioner Fantino's remark "does not and cannot constitute an offence."

"Whatever the reaction of the counsellors to the email may have been does not affect the underlying fact that in Canada it is not criminal if you tell someone that you might send them a bill for services," said Rupic, a prosecutor with the Justice Prosecutions Unit.

McHale stood in court and vowed to continue the fight. He said he's already seeking a review. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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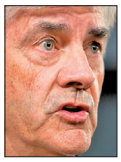
**Police charge Oakville man with child porn offences, seize computer**
Police have seized computer equipment and charged an Oakville man with child pornography offences. On Monday, they arrested 55-year-old Vincenzo Del Vecchio. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Tories refuse to bring Khadr home

**The Conservative government will not be asking the United States to send prisoner Omar Khadr home to Canada, despite a Supreme Court ruling last week that found his Charter rights were — and continue to be — violated.**

"It's exactly the same decision that we have taken since the very outset of this file," Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon told reporters yesterday.

The nine justices ruled unanimously last week that Canadian officials had violated the Toronto-born Khadr's constitutional rights by participating in the military process at the U.S. prison in Guantanamo, Cuba.


Lawrence Cannon

The teenager had been subjected to sleep deprivation and had no access to a lawyer or adult advocate, facts known to Canadian interrogators who met with him in 2003 and 2004.

The court said his rights continue to be violated as information illegally obtained in prison is used in current legal proceedings.

But the nine judges stopped short of directing the government to request his return to Canada, deferring to the government's oversight. Still, they warned that the courts do have the power to act if rights violations continue to go unchecked.

Cannon said the government will continue to defer to the American justice system, while providing Khadr with consular assistance as it would any other Canadian.

"We will continue to monitor the situation as we have been doing, and my understanding is that the Americans will make a determination on that, and once that is done we'll see what the next steps are."

**"They're going to say (the court) is not telling us what to do, so we'll do that we want ... Even if it is not legal, it's not moral, it's immoral."**
Bloc Quebecois Leader Gilles Duceppe

But on the question of Khadr's current rights situation, Cannon said Justice Minister Rob Nicholson is still reviewing that issue.

All three opposition parties have demanded Khadr's return to Canada.

"They're going to say, (the court) is not telling us what to do, so we'll do what we want, based on a strictly legal basis. Even if it is legal, it's not moral, it's immoral," said Bloc Leader Gilles Duceppe.

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## Couple suing St. Michael's over alleged assault, insults

**COURT** An aboriginal man and woman who claim they were beaten by security guards at St. Michael's Hospital a year ago are suing the hospital and guards for $2.1 million plus legal costs.

In their statement of claim, Cliff Hussin and Donna Oakes say they still suffer from physical and psychological trauma after the altercation Feb. 4, 2009, in which Hussin says he was kicked repeatedly before being dragged down a flight of stairs and dumped outside in the frigid cold. The 36-year-old suffered three broken ribs and a punctured lung.

Security personnel "treated them like animals … It's very unfortunate that this sort of thing can happen in 2009 in Canada by people who are supposed to keep order. There has to be accountability," said the couple's lawyer, Barry Swadron.

The couple — who admit they were drunk, but say they didn't incite the attack — also allege they were racially taunted by statements that natives "never amount to anything," and were "nothing but trouble."

None of the claims have been proven in court.

Soon after the incident, the hospital apologized to Hussin and fired a security supervisor and an officer.

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## Manager of group home fatally stabbed

**DEATH** For more than a decade, Larissa Belekova was a friend, counsellor and confidante to tenants at The Dara Residences on Homewood Avenue, a group home for people with mental illness.

She listened to people, helped them out of sticky situations and even nursed some back to health.

Belekova, manager of the home, would arrive by 10 a.m. and rarely left before 7 p.m. Yesterday morning, she arrived a little earlier than usual and went straight to her office in the basement. Minutes after 10:30 a.m., Belekova, 51, was dead.

A Toronto ambulance official said she was stabbed "multiple times about the body." She was taken to St. Michael's Hospital without vital signs.

A 46-year-old man, who other tenants said had been at the home for barely two months, was led away in handcuffs. Police refused to confirm that a loud argument preceded the stabbing.

Belekova, who spoke English and Russian, had been the manager at the home for about 11 years.

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## Youth still hoping Olympic Wish will come true

**GAMES** There's something to be said about positive thinking.

A day after 11 seriously ill children and their families watched their Olympic dreams crumble, Make-A-Wish foundation organizers say a national outpouring of support might salvage their once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"Canadians are a kind and caring people," said foundation national director Jennifer Ritter in Toronto yesterday.

The children were among about 1,000 people booked by Newwest Special Projects aboard the Norwegian Star cruise liner, to be docked off Vancouver as a floating hotel for the Olympics. But Newwest on Tuesday cancelled the cruise because of "slower than expected sales," said company president Dennis Laliberte.

The children, all of whom are terminally ill, come from Canada, the United States and Australia, Ritter said.

At least one, 12-year-old Matthew Vocino of Pickering, was holding tight to his Olympic wish yesterday as offers of lodging for the Make-a-Wish group poured in from Vancouverites.

"I'm positive that things will work out. Yes, I believe," Vocino said, echoing the Games' motto.

**"I'm positive that things will work out. Yes, I believe."**
Matthew Vocino

With their families, the Make-A-Wish children's group numbers about 54, Ritter said.

Ross Hetherington, executive director of the B.C. and Yukon branch of Make-A-Wish, was looking for "as many angels as possible" to help the children.

Vocino, who suffers from congenital muscular dystrophy and requires a power wheelchair to get around, pictured himself cheering for the Canadian hockey team in Vancouver as he watched the Olympic torch relay wind past his school in December.

Matthew's father Michael said his son is "a real rink rat," and was "extremely excited" when he first heard he would get to see Team Canada play at the Olympics.

Michael Vocino said the family had learned Monday that Matthew would go to the Olympics aboard the Norwegian Star, only to hear Tuesday the dream was dashed.

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Michael Vocino poses with his son Matthew, 12, who is uncertain about his promised trip to the Olympics through the Make-A-Wish foundation since accommodations promised to the group suddenly were cancelled.

While many Vancouverites offered their homes to the children, the kids' complicated medical needs mean they require hotel or residential suites, said Ritter.

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## News in brief

**DRUGS** A project involving drug makers, suppliers, hospitals and safety organizations was launched yesterday to promote the use of bar codes to identify drugs, with the goal of reducing medication errors across Canada. Coding experts say that means bar codes must be standardized on packaging, and readable by health-system scanners and software so preventable mistakes don't occur.

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# Grits saving Grace Health

**The Liberal government pledged an estimated $15 million on the eve of a key byelection to save the Toronto Grace Health Centre, whose uncertain fate had become an issue in the race.**

The Salvation Army announced yesterday it has reversed its decision, revealed in the Toronto Star last week, to pull out of owning and operating the historic hospital in Toronto Centre riding.

"We went from shutting our hospital down to getting a grant to revamp it," said Al Duffy, vice-chair of the Grace's board of trustees. "Thank God for byelections."

Health Minister Deb Matthews brushed off suggestions the deal to save the Grace was politically motivated. "It is the right thing to do," she said.

But the candidates for the NDP and the Progressive Conservative parties in Toronto Centre decried the timing of the announcement and the Liberal ride to the rescue.

"Given the situation was going on since spring of last year, it is pretty shocking," said Toronto street nurse and NDP candidate Cathy Crowe. "Things don't normally happen that fast at the ministry of health."

The Liberals sprang into action after the Star revealed the uncertainty swirling around the 119-bed hospital last week. Matthews had been unaware the Salvation Army intended to leave the Grace until Liberal candidate Glen Murray told her last week.

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## PC remarks

- Progressive Conservative candidate Pamela Taylor sarcastically called the timing "coincidental."

# The friendlier way? TTC customer service tested

**TRANSIT** It's been just more than a week since TTC chief general manager Gary Webster sent a notice to all employees about stepping up customer service. That came on the heels of a whack of criticism about how riders are treated.

"None of us is perfect, nor are our customers," he said in his note. "But as public servants, we have a unique and important responsibility to meet if not exceed customer expectations."

With that in mind, the Toronto Star wanted to see whether his words of wisdom were working.

At the start of an early-afternoon ride, a ticket collector at Union Station is asked how to get to Yorkdale. After he provides directions, a change on how to get to Yorkville is requested. Without raising an eyebrow, he patiently revises the directions, then notes a TTC pass rather than a TD debit card is required. Hey, they're both green.

Yonge-Bloor is busier. At the ticket booth, directions for the washrooms are requested, only to be told there aren't any. Another worker in the booth notes there is a loo at the end of the platform, but riders have to come into the station.

At Yonge and Lawrence Avenue, a reporter boards a bus to get to the University line. The Route 52 driver says getting there will take 14 minutes. He then goes beyond the call of duty, helping a passenger get her bulky stroller on board.

The driver then remembers to tell a reporter when we've arrived at Lawrence West even though the automated system has done so.

At Spadina station, a disgruntled rider who just missed his streetcar starts complaining. He rails until the next streetcar arrives a few minutes later, directing his venom at a supervisor, who defends the system and then politely suggests the man consider taking a cab, which would better fit his schedule.

In all, it's been a fine experience.

An advisory panel will consider existing and new customer service initiatives, as well as providing more employee training on customer service. Better communication, including a 24/7 complaints and response line, is also in the works.

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**Worker remains in critical condition**

A 31-year-old Brampton man remains in critical condition after falling from a ladder at a job site in Woodstock Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Model of efficiency

## Awards honour city's greenest citizens and businesses

**"I was president of the Pollution Solution club," Tiffany Pratt says with a burst of laughter, recalling her first real act of environmentalism when she was a Brantford schoolgirl.**

"It was in fifth or sixth grade. We made sure everything got separated and recycled at lunch time."

Pratt now owns Glitter Pie Art Studio, a model of energy and waste conservation, which is why she's one of this year's nominees for the Green Toronto Awards. Sponsored by the City of Toronto, the sixth annual awards honour individuals and businesses leading the way to a sustainable future.

Pratt's Queen Street East studio, where children and adults gather for weekly art classes, has been nominated in the Energy Conservation category. Winners will be announced April 23.

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Tiffany Pratt

"In the winter we huddle up and wear sweaters as opposed to having the heat cranked." Pratt says the lights are usually kept off and in the summer the air conditioner isn't overused. "As much as possible I like to be on the conservative side of use. We use what we need versus what we can have."

She mentions a recent visit from Toronto Hydro staff promoting energy conservation. "They were here to offer their services, but realized they couldn't because I was already doing everything. They were giving away free high-efficiency bulbs, but everything is already high-efficiency. I told them I haven't changed a light bulb in almost two years, since we opened in 2008."

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# Spy takes refuge in Toronto church

**DEPORTATION** A Mongolian psychologist who admits to spying for China against his own country — and vice versa — has found sanctuary at a Toronto Anglican church.

Gankhuyag Bumuutseren lives in the basement of Christ Church St. James in Etobicoke.

"I am terrified to return to Mongolia," Bumuutseren writes in a court affidavit.

The Immigration Refugee Board has ordered him deported, but Christ Church pastor Rev. Murray Henderson says he is harbouring the man on humanitarian grounds.

Bumuutseren is going blind, can't work, collects an Ontario disability pension and "does not represent a threat to national security," Henderson says.

In his affidavit, Bumuutseren says he went to China in 1992 to buy produce for resale in Mongolia.

A Mr. Hishige befriended him. Two years later, Hishige offered Bumuutseren money for information. Later, Bumuutseren realized he was a spy for China with the code name Davaa.

Mostly, he spied on activists with the independence movement for the Chinese province of Inner Mongolia.

When the Mongolians found out he was spying, they turned him into a double agent. When the Chinese discovered he was a double agent they jailed him for two years and tortured him, a claim undisputed by Canadian authorities.

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**Person taken to hospital after Mississauga blaze**
At least one person was taken to hospital suffering from smoke inhalation after a three-alarm blaze at a Mississauga office building near Burnhamthorpe Road and Mavis Road yesterday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Toronto Centre heads to polls today

**Political party stalwarts are scrambling to get their voters to the polls today in a hard-fought byelection to replace George Smitherman as the MPP for the diverse riding of Toronto Centre.**

Home to the Rosedale rich, the Regent Park poor, the gay village, condo-dwelling professionals and thousands of new Canadians, the race pits former Winnipeg mayor Glen Murray against New Democrat street nurse Cathy Crowe and Progressive Conservative lawyer Pamela Taylor.

After failing to turn last September's byelection in the Liberal-held mid-town riding of St. Paul's into a referendum on the controversial 13 per cent harmonized sales tax and the billion-dollar eHealth Ontario spending scandal, opposition parties are hoping to draw blood this time by slimming the Liberal majority at Queen's Park.

Cathy Crowe

Glen Murray

Pamela Taylor

"The awareness level is a lot higher ... it's a tight race," NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said yesterday.

In the last week, concerns that the Salvation Army's decision to stop running the Grace Hospital in the riding could result in its closing buoyed opposition hopes of a groundswell against the Liberals. But a deal reached yesterday with the government will keep the hospital in operation.

Murray, who like Smitherman is openly gay, inherited much of the Liberal campaign machinery after the combative former cabinet minister quit provincial politics to run for mayor of Toronto.

Still, the Liberals are taking nothing for granted, knowing a defeat in a riding the party has held for 10 years would be a black eye and give rivals bragging rights with two more byelections called yesterday for March 4 in the Ottawa and Brockville areas, and the next provincewide vote 20 months away.

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## More byelections to go next month

POLITICS Premier Dalton McGuinty has called two byelections for March 4 in a move that will allow him to replace two cabinet ministers and a Conservative member of Parliament within a month.

The byelections to replace former Liberal cabinet minister Jim Watson and veteran Conservative Bob Runciman were announced the day before the Toronto contest to replace former deputy premier George Smitherman.

Former Ottawa mayor Bob Chiarelli has already been acclaimed as the Liberal candidate in the riding of Ottawa West-Nepean after Watson vacated that seat to run for mayor of Ottawa.

In the Eastern Ontario riding of Leeds-Grenville, the byelection will mark the first time in 29 years that Runciman isn't on the ballot. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## WinterCity **Dream Carnival**

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Andrea Thompson, the Masked Poet, presents David Mitchell of Toronto with his own personal poem in the food court of Brookfield Place yesterday to promote A Midwinter Night's Dream Carnival, taking place Feb. 11-12 at the Park Hyatt's Roof Salon. The event is part of the City of Toronto's WinterCity Festival.

## Internet monitoring raises eyebrows in Mississauga

PRIVACY Mississauga's policy on email and Internet use by people at city hall hasn't quite caught up to the age of smartphones and BlackBerrys.

But a new protocol for monitoring staff and politicians' use of such devices — what opponents are calling an "e-snoop policy" — is being deferred until councillors are better briefed on how the system will be implemented and what the $150,000 software will do.

Councillors meeting in general committee yesterday voted 8-2 to wait, with at least two councillors, Carolyn Parrish and Eve Adams, staunchly opposed to the plan.

Parrish expressed concern that highly confidential emails, such as from an abused woman seeking help through her office, might be seen by snooping IT staff.

"Constituents want confidentiality," she said.

A citizen delegate, Ursula Keuper-Bennett, also spoke against the policy, arguing that those who do the surveillance won't be accountable. "Who watches the watchers?" she asked.

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### Abuse

- Senior officials said employees and councillors' email and Internet use won't be monitored unless there's a concern about abuse. City policy forbids use of its systems for making derogatory or defamatory statements about any person or group, for harassment, threats or for an outside business.

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## Bishop case delayed until April

**Court proceedings involving a Roman Catholic bishop facing child pornography charges are not scheduled to resume until April 9. Raymond Lahey, left, was charged in September with possessing and importing child pornography, 10 days after he was detained by customs officers upon arriving in Ottawa aboard a flight from Britain. Police say they found hundreds of files and dozens of videos on Lahey's laptop, many of them showing young males engaged in sex acts.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Censure Tories: Scholar

## Professor says opposition should demand Afghan docs

**A top constitutional scholar is urging opposition MPs to use the drastic and rarely invoked parliamentary power of censure to pry uncensored documents on Afghan prison abuse out of the Harper government's hands.**

Errol Mendes, a law professor at the University of Ottawa, told an ad-hoc committee of opposition MPs yesterday that the government's refusal to hand over the documents is unconstitutional and "makes a mockery of Parliament."

He said they have a duty to hold the Conservatives to account, especially on questions as serious as the country's conduct during the war.

> **"For the first time I know in Canadian history, the executive is saying we are superior to Parliament."**
> Errol Mendes, University of Ottawa

The government has refused to turn over defence and foreign affairs records to the special House of Commons committee on Afghanistan, saying the documents contain sensitive and classified information that can't be shared with MPs without secret clearance.

"The core complaint that I see that you have is that executive is really placing itself above Parliament," Mendes said. "For the first time I know in Canadian history, the executive is saying we are superior to Parliament."

Just before Parliament recessed for Christmas, the Liberals pushed through a motion that would have required the government to produce the records or face a motion of censure.

Louis Riel was the last MP to face parliamentary censure in Canada — well more than a century ago.

Riel, the leader of the Red River Rebellion by the Metis, was called to the bar of the Commons for his role in the uprising. He was expelled from Parliament April 16, 1874.

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## Meech Lake **Harper in Quebec**

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrives at Meech Lake in Chelsea, Que., yesterday for a meeting of his cabinet committee on priorities and planning.

## Alberta father unaware that kids were with their mother

**ALBERTA** It was a call from the police that gave Curtis McConnell the first hint that something had gone terribly wrong.

But the call was about McConnell's wife Allyson, who had been taken to hospital. It wasn't until the panicked Alberta man rushed home to check on his two young boys that he found their bodies, apparently drowned in a bathtub.

"The police didn't know there were kids involved," said Cara Rotenburger, a friend of the McConnell's who spoke to Curtis after Monday's tragic events in Millet, Alta.

"(Curtis) got a call from the Edmonton Police Service stating that Ally McConnell was in the hospital, to which he responded, 'Where are my children?'"

Police told him the boys were with a babysitter or neighbour, Rotenburger said.

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## Tax hike needed, official says

**BUDGET** Ottawa's claim that economic growth and mild spending cuts will eventually eliminate the deficit is an illusion and a bit of political flim-flammery, says a former finance department official.

Scott Clark, who oversaw the first years of surplus in decades when he headed the department in the late 1990s, says Finance Minister Jim Flaherty will eventually need to raise taxes to return to balanced budgets.

Clark made the statements in a forum yesterday that included former finance minister John Manley and Parliamentary budget watchdog Kevin Page, both who agreed with the assessment.

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**Canadian deported from Australia**

A Canadian man, who has waged a lengthy legal battle and hunger strikes to stay in Australia, was deported from the country yesterday, his supporters said. Ziad Chebib, 54, was put on a flight to Canada, the group said in an email to The Canadian Press. It was not immediately clear which city he was heading for. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Premier overspent: Audit

## N.S. politician bought laptops, camera with public funds

**Premier Darrell Dexter, who has forged a reputation as a prudent fiscal manager, was one of several Nova Scotia politicians who filed expense claims that were flagged as "excessive" by the provincial auditor general, his office said yesterday.**

Auditor general Jacques Lapointe released a report that found some politicians used taxpayers' money to buy items including custom-made furniture, cameras and an espresso maker in a political scandal that bore some of the hallmarks of one that rocked Newfoundland and Labrador nearly four years ago.

The report left members of all three main political parties in full damage control mode as they attempted to deflect uncomfortable questions about the appropriateness of their spending habits, even though Lapointe declined to name names.

A spokesman for Dexter, who was out of the country on vacation, said the premier wanted it known that he was among those singled out by Lapointe for his spending practices.

Shawn Fuller said it was Dexter who spent $2,150 on a digital camera and the $5,501 Dexter spent was for two laptops — contrary to Lapointe's report that said it was for one.

"The premier does not intend to debate whether the expenses were reasonable," said Fuller. "Rather, he simply intends to repay them."

At a news conference, Lapointe pointed the blame at a lack of rules governing spending by the 52-members of the Nova Scotia legislature.

"They are so ambiguous and so poor and they are applied so badly that it gets to the point where it's hard to say a lot about any of these things, even though it seems perhaps obvious to us that this is just wrong," he said.

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Nova Scotia auditor general Jacques Lapointe released a report yesterday that showed some Nova Scotia politicians filed expense claims that were deemed excessive or inappropriate.

### Expense claims

- Jacques Lapointe's report also identified several expense claims for personal items he said were inappropriate, including nearly $8,000 for a generator installed at a legislative member's residence and $1,260 for parking lot sanding from a company owned by a member's brother. Excessive expenditures listed in the report included $13,445 for custom-made office furniture, $790 for a model boat office display and $738 for an espresso maker.

# Charest says feds have no climate plan

**ENVIRONMENT** Quebec Premier Jean Charest accused the federal government yesterday of having few ideas to fight climate change beyond kowtowing to the United States.

"The only federal plan is to align with the United States," Charest said in the latest round of sniping between Quebec and Ottawa over the environment.

Jean Charest

"However, I never in my life thought that aligning our policies with the United States was good enough for Canada."

Charest, in India on a trade mission, was bristling at criticism of Quebec's environmental efforts by federal Environment Minister Jim Prentice.

The premier said Prentice showed his ignorance when he accused Quebec on Monday of being reckless in imposing heavy fines against the owners of cars that don't meet new emission restrictions.

Prentice told a Calgary audience that Quebec's efforts were "folly."

But Charest said Prentice was wrong when he said consumers would be hit with $5,000 fines if their cars did not meet emission standards. And the premier pointed out that 14 American states have adopted similar legislation. The legislation, which goes into effect in 2016, applies to cars starting with the 2010 model year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## News in brief

**GANGS** Vancouver police say they've struck a blow against organized crime in the city after laying 125 charges against 14 people. Police Chief Jim Chu says he expects to see another 100 charges laid.

**FATALITY** Hamilton police have apologized to the family of a woman who was run over in her driveway.

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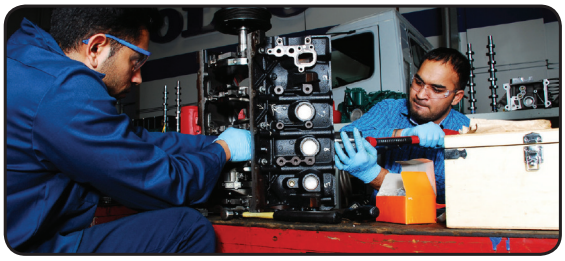

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**Danny Williams facing heart surgery today?**
A television station in Newfoundland and Labrador is reporting that Premier Danny Williams will undergo heart surgery in the United States today. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Treatment over, boy heads home

**FAREWELL** A Vietnamese boy who came to Canada more than two years ago seeking complex treatment for a large facial growth is starting his journey home.

Twelve-year-old Son Pham left Halifax yesterday for Ottawa and Toronto where he will say goodbye to friends and supporters before arriving back in Hanoi next week.

The young orphan lived with a family in Halifax since 2007 and shuttled to a Boston hospital to undergo 26 procedures to reduce the malformation.

Olwyn Walter, who cared for Son in her Halifax home, says she's thrilled to see how much doctors were able to shrink the growth.

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## News in brief

**TRAGEDY** An 18-month-old boy has died after a house fire in Vernon, B.C., that police say was started by children playing with a lighter. His mother and his four-year-old sister suffered burns and smoke inhalation

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# Just how green are the Games?

## Organizers face a marathon effort to live up to their environmental aims

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The victory ceremony podium for the Games, with the medal and flower presenters and their costumes, are seen during an unveiling news conference in Vancouver. The Games begin on Feb. 12.

VANCOUVER 2010 Games

**Like the finest of athletes, organizers of the Vancouver Winter Olympics set out with grand plans.**

Their goal: The greenest Games in history.

The Games were to be carbon neutral, venues would be built to strict environmental standards and green technology would be showcased.

The organizers have seen victory — and defeat.

In the successes column is Vancouver's athletes village, called a bold new standard for future Olympics to emulate.

In the failure column is a fleet of hydrogen buses in use in Whistler.

The 20 buses don't produce any emissions, but the hydrogen fuel is being trucked in from Quebec, a 4,000-kilometre journey burning fossil fuels.

Organizers have also had to deal with elements beyond their control — like the massive operation to move snow 320 kilometres to Cypress Mountain, the Vancouver-area venue.

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### A bronze medal from Suzuki

**GREEN VERDICT** Vancouver Olympic organizers have missed out on a gold medal for protecting the environment.

A David Suzuki Foundation study has awarded them a bronze.

"The Vancouver Olympics will leave the region with few long-term improvements in sustainable transportation," said study co-author Paul Lingl.

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**Woman, triplets dead after giving birth in secret**

A Connecticut woman who was pregnant with triplets, but apparently hid her condition was found dead after giving birth in her home to the full-term babies, who also didn't survive, officials said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World

## Netanyahu says talks could resume

Israel's prime minister says long-stalled peace talks with the Palestinians could resume in a matter of weeks. Benjamin Netanyahu, left, says the international community realizes that Israel wants peace negotiations to restart, and that could push the process forward. Netanyahu told an Israeli security conference he had reason to hope realistically that the talks with the Palestinians would resume in the "coming weeks" without preconditions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Corruption reported on food lines

## Haitian officials accused of demanding bribes from hungry earthquake victims

**Haiti Crisis**

**Hunger turned to anger in Haiti's capital yesterday as hundreds of protesters marched through the streets accusing local officials of demanding bribes for donated food.**

Aid workers say food and other supplies are now flowing into the country three weeks after the Jan. 12 quake, but red tape, fear of ambush, transportation bottlenecks and corruption are keeping it from many people who need it.

Hungry protesters jogged along a broad avenue in the Port-au-Prince suburb of Petionville waving branches and chanting, "They stole the rice! They stole the rice!"

One of the protesters, 17-year-old Danka Tanzil, said a local official was demanding a bribe in return for coupons that entitle people to bags of donated food from the UN World Food Program.

**2,000,000**

Number of Haitians the UN's World Food Program says it needs to reach with food coupons. The agency said it had reached more than 300,000 so far.

"For us to get the coupon, we must give 50 Haitian dollars (around $7) so we can get the rice," she complained.

The World Food Program began distributing the coupons to bring order to the aid distribution and prevent strong young men from forcing themselves to the front of food lines. Aid officials say it has largely worked, despite scattered reports of abuses.

The UN agency "is aware of reports that our coupons have been resold, and we've also heard allegations of forgeries," WFP spokeswoman Jennifer Parmelee said. "However, all evidence from our cooperating partners who are managing the distributions … is that this is not a widespread issue."

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## News in brief

**FLIGHT DISRUPTION** The FBI says a San Francisco man told investigators he was high on a double dose of medical marijuana cookies when he allegedly attacked crew members and forced the diversion of a US Airways flight to Pittsburgh. A criminal complaint released yesterday says 30-year-old Kinman Chan was flying from Philadelphia to Los Angeles Sunday when he began screaming in the restroom, then fought with crew members. The flight was diverted to Pittsburgh and Chan was jailed until a magistrate freed him on bond Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Bombing kills girls, U.S. soldiers

**PAKISTAN** A roadside bomb killed three U.S. soldiers and partly destroyed a girls' school in northwest Pakistan yesterday in an attack that drew attention to a little-publicized American military training mission in the al-Qaida and Taliban heartland. The blast also killed three schoolgirls and a Pakistani soldier who was travelling with the Americans. Two more U.S. soldiers were wounded, along with more than 100 other people, mostly students at the school, officials said.

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## Former dictator awarded millions from charity

**Haiti Crisis**

**SWITZERLAND** In an embarrassment to Switzerland's government, the country's top court said yesterday that at least $4.6 million US in Swiss bank accounts previously awarded to Haitian charities must be returned to the family of Haiti's ex-dictator Jean-Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier.

The amount of money contested could feed more than a million Haitians for two weeks.

The court's decision was reached before the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti Jan. 12, killing at least 150,000 people, but only published yesterday. It prompted the Swiss government to issue an emergency decree to keep the money frozen in a Swiss bank until a new law can be passed allowing it to be donated to aid groups working in Haiti.

Many Haitians accuse Duvalier and his entourage of robbing millions from public funds before he was ousted in 1986. Duvalier is believed to be living in exile in France and has always denied wrongdoing.

Haiti made its first request for the money shortly after Duvalier's ouster. But it has been frozen ever since because Switzerland would not give it back while the Haitian government wasn't pursuing Duvalier. As a way out, the Swiss government had proposed giving the money to aid groups working in Haiti.

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## New York **Mayor tours new subway**

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New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, centre, tours the massive cavern for the new 34th Street Station yesterday that will be part of the Number 7 subway extension in Manhattan.

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# State weighs apology for eugenics

**If the state of Vermont had carried out a plan to sterilize his grandmother, Don Stevens said Tuesday, he "wouldn't be here."**

Many Vermonters of mixed French Canadian and Native American heritage, like Stevens' grandmother, as well as poor, rural whites, were placed on a state-sanctioned list of "mental defectives" and degenerates in the 1930s and placed in state institutions.

Some had surgery after governor Stanley Wilson in 1931 won enactment of a sterilization law.

It was designed to reduce the number of people seen as placing demands on public services, and to purify what University of Vermont zoology Prof. Henry Perkins, a national leader of the so-called "eugenics" movement, called "the fine old stock of original settlers in Vermont."

Now the Vermont legislature, which once endorsed breeding people like cattle, is considering a resolution expressing regret. It vows never to repeat "this dark chapter in Vermont's history" and expresses the legislature's "profound sorrow and sincere regret that such a program of sterilization was sanctioned."

Vermont became the 27th U.S. state to pass a sterilization law in 1931. Indiana passed the first such law in 1907.

Now, at least five states have issued apologies. A Virginia resolution, passed in 2001, urged citizens "to become familiar with the history of the eugenics movement, in the belief that a more educated, enlightened and tolerant population will reject absolutely any such abhorrent pseudoscientific movement in the future."

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# Governor's wife tells all

**SCANDAL** South Carolina first lady Jenny Sanford says the final blow to her marriage came with the publication of racy emails between Gov. Mark Sanford and his mistress.

She also told ABC's Barbara Walters in an interview airing tomorrow on 20/20 that she made a "leap of faith" marrying Sanford more than 20 years ago because he insisted on removing a clause promising to be faithful from their wedding vows.

Mark Sanford

In the interview, Jenny Sanford says the emails where her husband talked about his lover's body parts were not something anyone would want their children to read on the Internet.

Jenny Sanford has filed for a divorce that is to be finalized later this month.

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**Court allows 'suspect' candidates to run in Iraq election**
An Iraqi appeals court has set aside a ban on hundreds of candidates with suspected ties to Saddam Hussein's regime, allowing them to run in next month's parliamentary election. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Wheee! **Mommy panda takes a ride on the wild side**

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Mei Xiang, mother of four-year-old panda Tai Shan, rolls herself down a snowy hill on Tai Shan's last day at the National Zoo in Washington yesterday. Tai Shan, who was born at the zoo in 2005, was to be sent to China today to become part of a breeding program. Under the panda loan agreement, any cub born at the zoo must be returned to China for breeding.

# Get a lawyer, Mr. President

## New Darfur charges on way?

**The International Criminal Court will again consider charging Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir with genocide in Darfur.**

The move comes after an appeals panel ruled judges made an "error in law" when they refused to indict him on that charge last year.

"He should get a lawyer," court prosecutor Luis Moreno Ocampo said after the ruling yesterday.

He accused al-Bashir of keeping 2.5 million refugees from specific ethnic groups in Darfur in camps "under genocide conditions, like a gigantic Auschwitz."

The appeals decision fuelled hopes among human rights activists that prosecutors will indict other leaders around the world for atrocities.

The court is currently considering allegations of atrocities in countries from Colombia to Kenya, Gaza to Afghanistan, but has so far launched formal prosecutions in just four countries, all of them in Africa.

"This gives a new wind to the sails of international justice," said Kenyan human rights activist Njonjo Mue.

Moreno Ocampo welcomed the decision to reopen the Darfur genocide case and vowed to give judges even more evidence when they again consider charging al-Bashir with genocide.

The Sudanese president refuses to recognize the court's jurisdiction.

He has travelled to friendly countries, but called off trips to nations where he fears he could be arrested and sent to The Hague.

Al-Bashir's hardline regime also threw out 13 international aid agencies working in Darfur last March when the court first indicted him.

The move further compounded the humanitarian crisis in a region where 300,000 people have died since fighting broke out in 2003 between the government and rebels.

The United Nations says 2.7 million people have been driven from their homes by the conflict.

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Omar al-Bashir

**"This gives a new wind to the sails of international justice."**
Njonjo Mue

## Luck of the Irish puts Encyclopaedia Britannica right

**OOPS** Encyclopaedia Britannica apologized yesterday for mangling the history of the Irish Civil War.

The screw-up was detected only this year when an Internet version of the reference book was supplied to Ireland's 4,000 schools.

Britannica falsely described Ireland's 1922-23 civil war as a fight between the Catholic south and Protestant north.

In reality, the civil war took place south of the border, between Irish Catholic nationalists.

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## News in brief

**LAW** Silvio Berlusconi's coalition has pushed through a proposed law that would spare the Italian leader from prosecution while in office. Berlusconi's conservatives passed a bill yesterday that would allow the premier and ministers to postpone for six months hearings in any trial in which they are implicated. The measure needs Senate approval.

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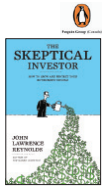

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Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, left, listens to his Defence Minister Gen. Ahmad Vahidi yesterday as he looks at the engine of a domestically-built satellite booster rocket in Tehran. Ahmadinejad unveiled the domestically-built satellite booster rocket, part of an ambitious space program that has worried Western powers.

# Iran launches rocket

## U.S. official says nation seeks prestige boost

**Iran announced yesterday it launched a menagerie of animals — including a mouse, two turtles and worms — into space on a research rocket, a feat President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said showed Iran could defeat the West in the battle of technology.**

Ahmadinejad also unveiled the model of a light booster rocket that is being built and three new, Iranian-built satellites, touted as the latest achievements in the country's ambitious space program.

The Iranian space program has worried Western powers, which fear the same technology used to launch satellites and research capsules could also be used to build long-range intercontinental missiles and deliver warheads.

A U.S. defence expert said there was no scientific purpose to launching such animals into space and the launch was likely more aimed at boosting Iran's prestige.

To test a life-support system of use to humans, "the obvious choice would be to send a monkey," said James Lewis, senior fellow at Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"The launch was clearly part of Iran's effort to advance military technology and assert political dominance in space," said Lewis "It's also a show of confidence. Space rockets give you prestige and influence, and that is what Iran seeks."

The launch of the rocket Kavoshgar-3, which means Explorer-3 in Farsi, was announced by Defence Minister Gen. Ahmad Vahidi to mark the National Day of Space Technology. The announcement came a year after Iran sent its first domestically made telecommunications satellite — called Omid, or Hope — into orbit for 40 days.

Iran's state TV broadcast images yesterday of officials putting a mouse, two turtles and about a dozen creatures that looked like worms inside a capsule into the Explorer-3, which appeared to be about 10 feet long. TV then aired footage of the rocket blasting off. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# China keeps mum on missing activist

**HUMAN RIGHTS** One of China's most daring activist lawyers disappeared a year ago today, and the government that so closely monitored him has not explained where he is, infuriating even those used to Beijing's indifference to outside pressure on human rights.

High-profile dissidents have disappeared in China before, but not for so long without details from authorities. Family and friends have no idea whether Gao Zhisheng, who had been under strict police surveillance, is even in custody.

Officials have been teasingly vague, with a policeman telling Gao Zhiyi his brother "went missing" and a Foreign Ministry official last month saying the self-taught lawyer "is where he should be." As is typical in China, state-run media have not mentioned the case. "Why are you in such a hurry? Just wait," police told Zhiyi a few days ago, then hung up, Gao's wife said last night.

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### Ties souring

- China's surprisingly casual response to a high-profile case raised repeatedly by U.S. officials, the United Nations and rights groups is a troubling sign of the country's overall hardening stance on a wide range of issues, experts said.

## Judge dismisses religious lawsuit

**COURTS** A judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by members of the Tony Alamo Christian Ministries that claimed an Arkansas state agency infringed upon their religious rights when it seized children from their compound.

U.S. District Judge Harry Barnes said in his ruling issued Tuesday that there was no evidence the Arkansas Department of Human Services acted in bad faith or denied ministry members their right to practise their religious beliefs when agents seized the children in September and November of 2008.

The plaintiffs accused the state agency of using the child-abuse investigation to disband the ministry.

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**Egyptian Christians call for equal treatment**

Egyptian activists have protested and called for legislation giving Christians equal rights as Muslims to build houses of worship. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# President admits to out-of-wedlock child

**South Africa's polygamist president confirmed yesterday that he fathered a daughter last year with a woman who is not one of his three wives or fiancée, and criticized those who said his actions undermined the country's campaign against AIDS.**

President Jacob Zuma's statement is his first comment on the issue since Johannesburg's Sunday Times reported this week that the baby girl born in October was Zuma's child. Critics said the 67-year-old president's behaviour sends the wrong message in a country struggling against AIDS. Experts say having multiple, concurrent partners heightens the risk of passing on HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Jacob Zuma

"It is mischievous to argue that I have changed or undermined government's stance on the HIV and AIDS campaign," Zuma said in the statement. "I will not compromise on the campaign. Rather we will intensify our efforts to promote prevention, treatment, research and the fight against the stigma, attached to the epidemic."

Zuma, who has 19 other children, has three wives and is engaged to a fourth woman.

Brian Sokutu, a spokesman for Zuma's African National Congress Party, told The Associated Press that the president's relationship with a fifth woman was not adulterous because Zuma is a polygamist who may have been intending to marry the woman. But Sokutu said he could not comment on whether a marriage was imminent.

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### Epidemic

- South Africa, a nation of about 50 million, has an estimated 5.7 million people infected with HIV, more than any other country.

## England **Fidler without a roof?**

GARETH FULLER/PA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Robert Fidler stands outside his home at Salfords, England, yesterday, which may have to be demolished after a High Court ruling. Fidler, a farmer who secretly built the home and lived in it for four years while it was concealed behind bales of straw, lost a High Court bid to save it from being demolished. A judge ruled that Fidler, 60, who took two years to covertly built his dream home with ramparts and cannon, was not entitled to benefit from his deception of the local authority.

## Ex-lawyer wanted for printing $1M in cheques

**CRIME** A former public defender printed $1 million US in bogus payroll cheques so he could gamble at casinos from Florida to California, in a case reminiscent of the 2002 film Catch Me if You Can.

Sheriff's Spokesman Lt. Ed Baswell said yesterday that Charles Bradford, 47, has had no fixed address since getting out of prison in 2006, is wanted in Arkansas, California, Florida, Kansas and Ohio, and may have operated in other states.

"This was a little reminiscent of Catch Me if You Can," Baswell said, referring to the 2002 film about cheque forger and con artist Frank Abignale Jr., who went on to help the FBI catch other cheque forgers.

Bradford apparently told investigators he could help businesses avoid being conned by people like him, Baswell said.

Baswell did not know where Bradford had practised law, but said he was a former public defender who apparently went crooked in 1988, when he was arrested on charges of impersonating a federal Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agent with stolen credentials. He also was accused of selling firearms to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

"Apparently in 1987, his mother passed away, and he kind of uses that as a reference point as to when he began a life of crime," Baswell said. "That seems to be the dividing line."

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# Pronoun may be key to happiness

**Relating**

According to the latest cutting-edge relationship science from the University of California, Berkeley, the key to peace, love and happiness for couples is using the word "we," instead of divisive singular pronouns like "I," "me" and "you," which may ramp up conflict.

Psychologists observed 154 couples in conversations about relationship conflicts and found that couples who tended to use "we" more also tended to have fewer negative emotional and physiological reactions over the course of the conversation.

The word seemed to have a soothing effect on the partners and create a sense of togetherness, although I'm sure there are context-based exceptions (Classics like "We need to talk," or "We should see other people," come to mind).

Simple, right?

Maybe, but before you go "we, we, we" all the way home, let us try to square this insight with other research into pronoun choice at the University of Texas.

James Pennebaker, developer of language analysis software called Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count, has found when people lie, they tend to use fewer first-person pronouns in order to distance themselves from the bogus statements. By, um, replacing "I" with "we," for example.

So, do these studies, taken together, suggest deception is the secret to a happy relationship? Some of us would be more surprised than others to discover that was the case.

Pennebaker and colleagues have also noted that women tend to use "we" more than "I" in everyday speech. This does not make women more (or less) apt to be lying, of course. So, is the message to men either that they should prevaricate more or just be more like women? It seems less than helpful, either way.

It's not hard to imagine circumstances in which all this "we" business could cause more trouble than it solves. It's probably a little much on the first date, for example.

Beware also the dreaded "royal we," with which a dominant partner increasingly presumes to speak for the couple.

And then there's the flip-side of the royal — the patronizing "diminutive we." Sample usage: "Are we a little grumpy today?" Don't do it. I implore you.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

## Views

# Why women's studies programs are needed

**FourthWave**

Last week, the National Post published an editorial in response to reports that women's studies programs across Canada are either being cut or renamed to gender studies. The paper revelled in this news, blaming these programs for causing "untold damage to families, our court systems, labour laws, constitutional freedoms and even the ordinary relations between men and women."

The column's inflammatory charges are evidence of why feminism is still needed. A more troubling concern is how its authors used arguments built as sturdily as a house of cards.

Ideologies contentious within the feminist community are cited as widely held beliefs — the most egregious example is the Post's example of writer Andrea Dworkin, whom they say deemed all heterosexual, penetrative sex as oppressive. In fact, Dworkin's theory refers to mainstream cultural depictions of sex in which violence is intrinsic to what makes it erotic. That's a big difference.

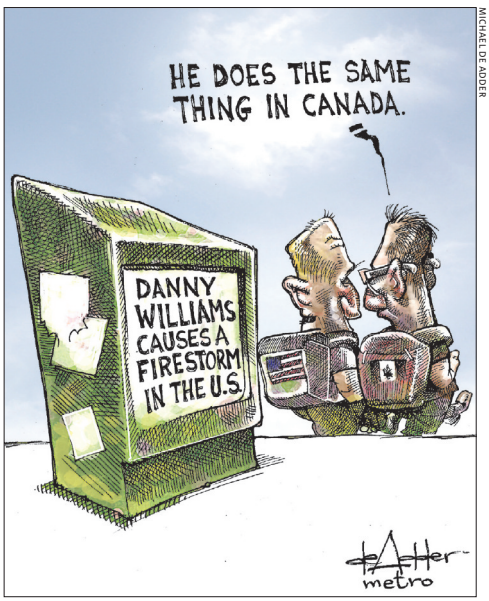
This is a failure of journalistic responsibility to its readers. The Post wouldn't dare publish that all men are rapists or that all Muslims are pants-exploding terrorists with flimsy proof. Yet, feminists can only be as good as their worst, most radical peers.

On Tuesday, Post columnist Barbara Kay declared feminism to really be "about affirmative action for girls and women, at boys' and men's expense," and that "the revolution is over. Women won." Women's studies programs address not just domestic issues, but the status of women around the world. Have women really won if the most disadvantaged ones can't be guaranteed the basic necessities?

It's a terrible myth that feminists want to trod all over men.

These studies aren't dangerous because they aim to bring down men, but because they encourage reflection on the cultural, historical, social, economic and political forces that shape our identities. That eternal need to understand who we are as individuals and as a society guarantees the need for gender studies, no matter what name it goes by.

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.

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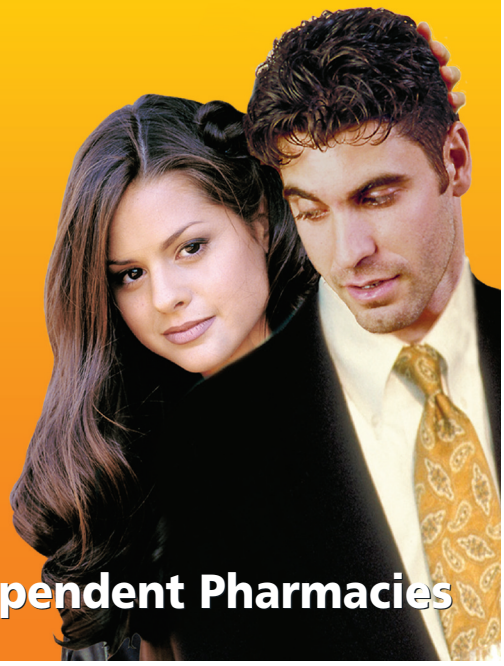

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## Housing hot in January

**The deep freeze of January is usually a signal for realtors to take a winter cruise or perhaps a vacation in the Bahamas. But not this year.**

**87%**
Housing sales were up 87 per cent in January 2010 compared with January 2009.

The January real estate market started 2010 at full gallop, with sales up 87 per cent from the year before, according to figures released yesterday.

There were 4,986 existing home sales in January, compared to 2,670 sales the year before when sales were at an all-time low for 2009, according to a report by the Toronto Real Estate Board.

"We were hoping to get away somewhere warm, but the market has been crazy," said Alicia Pang, an agent with Sutton Group Heritage Realty.

Pang said most listings seem to be going for multiple offers. A condominium she had on the market last week in Markham for $230,000 had three offers in a matter of days.

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## More problems for Toyota

**PRIUS** Toyota Motor Corp. has been hit by more than 100 complaints in the U.S. and Japan about brake problems with the popular Prius hybrid, the latest in a spate of quality troubles for the automaker as it grapples with massive global recalls.

The Japanese company's sales are being battered in the U.S. — Toyota's biggest market — after recalls of top-selling models to fix a gas pedal that can stick in the depressed position.

The new Prius gas-electric hybrid, which went on sale in Japan and the U.S. in May 2009, is not part of the recalls that extend to Europe and China, covering nearly 4.5 million vehicles.

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received about 100 complaints involving the brakes of the Prius new model. Two involved crashes resulting in injuries.

The ministry ordered Toyota, the world's No. 1 automaker, to investigate the complaints.

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Dan Daigle, service manager at Lee Toyota, holds a shim yesterday in Topsham, Maine, which will be used to repair springs in the gas pedal systems of recalled Toyota automobiles.

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# Focus on long-term goals: Expert

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**Building a long-term portfolio isn't as hard as you might think, as long as you have the right tools to help you along the way.**

While short-term gains can be an attractive prize to pursue as a direct investor, it's the long-term goals that will determine your overall financial future and having a healthy, robust portfolio is the best way to achieve those goals.

Jason Storsley, president and CEO of RBC Direct Investing, says the best place to get started is with RBC's online guidance and planning section, which lets you set up tailored learning plans that illuminate every stage of the investment process for you in a personalized way.

A learning plan will let you focus on those elements of the investment process you want to pursue, be they more basic concepts or advanced-level strategies meant for experienced investors.

"Our guidance and planning section is a great place to increase your confidence and there's something for everyone," Storsley said.

Once you've decided to embark on a long-term portfolio, you'll want to ensure an effective asset mix — that's where RBC's innovative asset mix calculator comes in. Available to RBC direct investors, the calculator takes the guesswork out of building an asset mix by taking into account each investor's individual needs and suggesting a specific investment profile tailored to that investor. It's like having your own personal investment adviser on deck to guide you directly down a path that suits your needs.

"You don't want to put all your eggs in one basket, so understanding what your asset mix should be is the starting point for any level of investor," Storsley said.

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**"You don't want to put all your eggs in one basket, so understanding what your asset mix should be is the starting point for any level of investor."** Jason Storsley

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Once your portfolio is up and running, Storsley says it's important to regularly keep tabs on the changes that occur as the market shifts or as a company progresses. Be ready to make any necessary or worthwhile changes you see.

"As things change, make sure you make changes within your portfolio," Storsley said.

Take stock of how your portfolio is performing and look for places where you can rebalance your portfolio to make it a better fit for your overall long-term strategy.

"Rebalancing gives you an opportunity to sell and take advantage of areas of your portfolio that may have performed particularly well and reduce risks in other parts of your portfolio," Storsley said.

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# Sports

## Hitchcock fired

**The Columbus Blue Jackets have fired coach Ken Hitchcock, left, and replaced him with Claude Noel on an interim basis. Hitchcock held the job since November 2006 and led the franchise to its first playoff berth last season, but the Blue Jackets have struggled this year and sit 14th in the Western Conference.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Nets swamped

**NBA RESULTS**

**Nets** 99 **Raptors** 108

**Chris Bosh and Andrea Bargnani each scored 20 points as the Toronto Raptors earned their sixth home win in a row yesterday, 108-99 over the New Jersey Nets.**

Antoine Wright, making his third start of the season, scored a season-high 18 points, Jarrett Jack chipped in 17 and Sonny Weems had career highs with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Devin Harris and Yi Jianlian each scored 15 and Courtney Lee had 14 for the Nets (4-44).

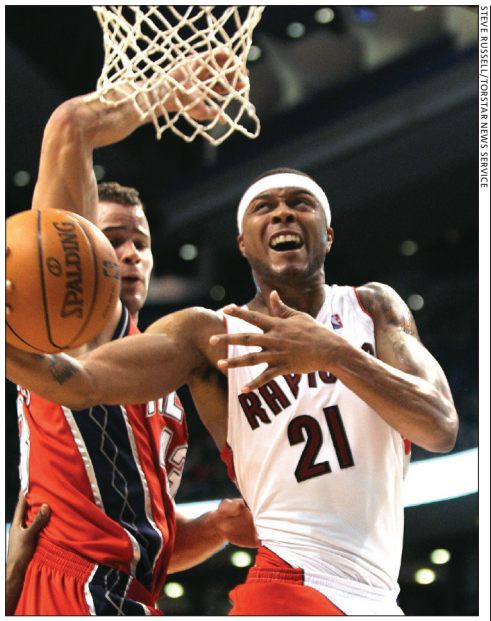
The Raptors (27-23) led by 11 early in the first quarter and trailed by 12 during the second quarter.

They rebounded to take an 83-78 lead into the fourth quarter, extending it to 100-90 with 5:23 left in the game after Jack hit a three-pointer.

The Raptors continued to be hit by injury and illness as they tried to shake off a loss to the Pacers at Indiana Tuesday.

Jack developed an illness before the game and was in the starting lineup despite a sore throat and a virus.

The Raptors were without Jose Calderon, who suffered a sprained right ankle in Tuesday's loss after stepping on Jack's foot. He was scheduled to have a magnetic resonance imaging procedure last night. DeMar DeRozan missed his fifth consecutive game with a sprained right ankle. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Toronto Raptors Antoine Wright drives around Kris Humphries last night against the New Jersey Nets in Toronto.

## Work continues on sale of Argos

**CFL** Howard Sokolowski and David Cynamon still own the Toronto Argonauts — at least for now.

The proposed sale of the Argos to B.C. Lions owner David Braley wasn't approved by the CFL's board of governors yesterday. That's because work continues on the proposed deal.

A league official said if an agreement was reached last night, the matter could be added to the agenda when league officials reconvene today in West Palm Beach, Fla., for the final day of meetings.

Even if the Argos sale isn't approved at the meetings, the general belief around the CFL is it's not a matter of if Braley will purchase the franchise, but when. THE CANADIAN PRESS


# Whitby Soccer's Secret Weapon

## New Technical Staff moving Club forward

The **Whitby Iroquois Soccer Club** proudly introduces its new Technical Staff . The acquisition of former Glasgow Rangers player, Andy Kennedy, as Club Head Coach provides a strong leader for the Technical team. Andy comes to us from Scotland bringing a wealth of playing experience, including 18 years as a professional soccer player and 5 years as a coach with the Glasgow Rangers FC. Andy was a key member of Rangers Soccer Schools and became a familiar face at the Whitby Club over the past few summers delivering the Rangers program to children aged 8 to 17.

Andy Kennedy, Club Head Coach

Mirco Schroff, Technical Director

Mirco Schroff joined Whitby Iroquois in December 2009, having been involved in soccer since a very young age and playing semi-pro in Germany. He is experienced in Canadian soccer as an Ontario Soccer Association Coaching Instructor, teaching coaches through Child to Senior Coach Certification Levels and as a Pre-B Assessor. Throughout his career, Mirco has also coached kids of all ages and genders which makes him a very well-rounded professional and a strong asset for the Whitby Club.

Jens Kraemer, Technical Director

Jens Kraemer stepped aside last year as the Club's Head Coach to focus on specific responsibilities. He rejoins the team now in his role as Technical Director and continues to be a big part of the Development Program working alongside Andy, Mirco and the other Professional Staff Coaches. Jens' experience as a National Team player and coach, plus over 20 years in the classroom backs up the very progressive approach the Club is taking.

Dome is new home to Whitby teams !!

Our team has been playing at the Whitby Soccer Centre . . .since October 2009 and have to admit it's the nicest indoor facility I've played at in my 17 years of playing indoor soccer. It's bright and very clean with comfortable room temperature. . . . I find that I play my best games at this dome for some reason. . . . you don't feel crowded and almost get an outdoor feeling when playing. The field itself is comfortable and easy to run on especially if you have bad joints and is sure to make . . . you want to play there again and again.
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# Raps GM impressed by remake of Leafs

**TRADES** Brian Burke has won over plenty of fans for his recent reshaping of the Toronto Maple Leafs — and you can count his Toronto Raptors counterpart as one of them.

"You could tell immediately what happened when Brian made these deals the other day," Raptors general manager Bryan Colangelo said yesterday. "You could tell the effect was going to be a positive one just by the reaction of the media, the fan base, and even internally, you could see a sense of euphoria, if you will."

Colangelo has experienced plenty of that lately, with his Raptors (26-23) occupying fifth spot in the Eastern Conference.

While Leafs GM Burke stole some of the spotlight away from the Raptors with a pair of blockbuster trades Sunday, Colangelo and company have been turning heads with their sensational play.

Since dropping to 11-17 with a loss in Orlando on Dec. 16, the Raptors have ripped off a 15-6 run. With his team now contending for home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs, Colangelo is looking to improve the roster for the pivotal stretch run.

It likely won't involve moving six players out of town, as Burke did over the weekend, but there's a good chance the Raptors will acquire some new blood prior to the Feb. 18 deadline.

**"It's a great feeling to make a deal like that."**
Bryan Colangelo

"We're talking to a few teams to see if there's anything we can do to improve our basketball club," said Colangelo. "We've never sat back and been comfortable. We're always going to compete and improve our levels of competition.

"I'm talking about not only a tweak, but in a big deal, we're going to be a buyer, not a seller."

Colangelo knows the Maple Leafs likely won't find themselves contending for a title in the near future, but he believes Burke's decision to shake things up will have long-term benefits.

"To make a deal that clearly is going to work out, and that was proven as early as (Tuesday night's 3-0 Leafs win), it's a great feeling to make a deal like that," said Colangelo.

"And it makes you hunger for more." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Sports in brief

**CURLING** P.E.I.'s Kathy O'Rourke drew even with Canada's Jennifer Jones atop the Scotties Tournament of Hearts standings yesterday with a 7-3 win over Quebec's Eve Delisle in Draw 13. Ontario's Krista McCarville (6-3) fell out of top spot with a pair of losses.

**SOCCER** Spain has kept the top spot in FIFA's world rankings, and Africa Cup of Nations winner Egypt surged into the top 10. European champion Spain is followed by Brazil and Netherlands in standings published yesterday. Canada is tied with Poland after falling one spot to 57th.

**BOXING** Floyd Mayweather Jr. finalized a deal yesterday to fight Sugar Shane Mosley May 1 in a welterweight bout at the MGM Grand Garden in Las Vegas.

**SOCCER** Jermain Defoe's hat trick sent Tottenham into the FA Cup fifth round with a 3-1 victory over third-tier Leeds yesterday.

**BASEBALL** Casey Kotchman and the Mariners have agreed to a one-year contract worth $3,517,500 US, settling Seattle last salary arbitration case this year.

**NFL** Dick Jauron is back in the NFL. The former Bills head coach was hired yesterday by the Philadelphia Eagles as a senior assistant/defensive backs coach.

**NHL** The Carolina Hurricanes have activated defenceman Joe Corvo while placing forward Tuomo Ruutu on injured reserve. METRO NEWS SERVICES

**Freeney says pain subsiding**
Dwight Freeney says the pain in his sprained right ankle is subsiding and he still hopes to play in Sunday's Super Bowl. The Colts' All-Pro defensive end said yesterday that he has been walking barefoot and in the Florida sand to strengthen the ankle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Jays move closer to deal with Gregg: Report

**SIGNING** The Blue Jays appear to have moved closer to a reliable late-inning pitching option, agreeing to terms with free-agent reliever Kevin Gregg, according to Sports Illustrated's website.

Club officials wouldn't confirm the signing, which has been rumoured since Tuesday afternoon, saying only that any free-agent signing becomes official only when that player passes a physical.

Kevin Gregg

Last season, Gregg, who stands six-foot-six and weighs 220 pounds, saved 23 games for the Cubs while sharing the closer role with Carlos Marmol. In 68⅔ innings he struck out 71 batters while walking 30 and recording a 4.72 ERA. Over his two previous seasons, the 31-year-old saved a total of 61 games for the Florida Marlins.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# 'He's a fighter, for sure'

**Jean-Sebastien Giguere wants to be a good leader, hard worker and solid mentor. More than anything, he just wants his old job back, saying he will use his time with the Toronto Maple Leafs to try "to re-establish myself as a No. 1 goalie in this league."**

CARLOS OSORIO/TORONTO STAR
J.S. Giguere earned the win Tuesday in his Leafs debut.

It is a designation he has struggled to maintain throughout his career, despite owning a Conn Smythe Trophy and Stanley Cup ring. Giguere lost the job in Anaheim, where he said he would rather retire than play as a backup, and has relocated across the continent for another chance to prove himself.

"He's a fighter, for sure," Leafs goaltending coach Francois Allaire said. "He's had to fight for his job all the way down."

Yesterday, Giguere was asked about the pressure of playing in a hockey-mad market, and the one struggle over which he had almost no control.

His first child, a son, Maxime Olivier, was born in the spring of 2007. Giguere and his wife learned their son had been born with a deformed right eye, and were confronted with the possibility his left eye was also damaged.

After a series of consultations with experts in Southern California, Giguere was told they expected his son to have normal sight in his left eye.

Giguere signed a four-year contract with the Ducks that summer, a deal that contained a no-trade clause he waived to enable the move to Toronto. Jonas Hiller had become the starter in Anaheim, and with his son's health improved, Giguere was able to make a move.

"He needs to see a doctor maybe once every six or seven months," Giguere said of his son. "It's no big deal. We can go through a season without having to see a doctor, and we're only a short flight from here to L.A."

As for the pressure of playing in Toronto, Giguere is not concerned.

"It's hockey," he said. "We're here to try to have fun, to try to work hard. I think that if you work hard, and if you prepare yourself the right way, then there's no reason why things shouldn't go well."

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**No Jamaican bobsled team?**

Jamaica's bid to get its four-man bobsled into the Winter Olympics appears to have failed. A preliminary list of sleds that have entered the Olympics, obtained by The Associated Press yesterday, did not show Jamaica in the field. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Vancouver Games

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# Sliding into place

## Hollingsworth in position to win skeleton gold

**The track is clear for Mellisa Hollingsworth to bring home Olympic gold in skeleton.**

The 29-year-old Alberta slider with the horse skull on her helmet leads a strong Canadian contingent to the Vancouver Olympics, racing Feb. 18-19.

Hollingsworth obliterated all comers on this year's World Cup circuit: Seven podium finishes in eight races and two gold medals.

The woman from Eckville, in the foothills of central Alberta, is the top-ranked skeleton slider in the world.

"To have success on such diverse tracks all over the world is key," said Hollingsworth, who won a bronze medal at the Turin Olympics in 2006.

**On the web**

Learn more about Mellisa Hollingsworth in an interactive profile at **metronews.ca/olympics**

"That shows my driving skills, my ability, my equipment — everything is on track. You just build on that momentum."

The highest-rated men's slider on the six-athlete squad is Jon Montgomery.

And if Hollingsworth and her 5,000-watt smile is face of the team, then the 30-year-old tousle-haired redhead from Russell, Man., is its heart.

When the team was formally announced in the packed gym at Calgary's Olympic Heights elementary school, Montgomery, palms out at ankle level, zipped up the aisle, high-fiving — or more accurately low-fiving — the cheering flag-waving students. Teammates followed suit and the energy level went through the roof.

"I have all the tools necessary to get it done. It's just a matter of putting it all together on race day," said Montgomery.

He heads to his first Olympics after a season that saw him ranked fifth overall, including a win in Cesana. He won the pre-Olympic test event in Whistler last February.

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Mellisa Hollingsworth competes in the FIBT Bob & Skeleton World Cup Nov. 20 at the Olympic Sports Complex in Lake Placid, N.Y.

### Other skeleton stars to watch

- **Martins Dukurs, Latvia:** The 25-year-old slider grew up on the country's one track, in Sigulda. He won half the races on the World Cup circuit this year, and is ranked No. 1.
- **Kerstin Szymkowiak, Germany:** The 32-year-old "Ice Tiger" makes her first Games appearance and comes in on a roll. She was on the podium in the last five World Cup races and is ranked third.
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# Camp Guide

## No-nos for parents

**Don't unpack for your child if you drive him or her to camp; give your child the space and independence to get settled in on his or her own. And don't worry if your child hasn't written — it likely means that he or she is having fun!** OURKIDS.NET

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# Options abound

EVA LAM
for Metro Toronto

**When school's out, it's time to swap the textbooks for skis, tees and even stilts. A variety of sports and recreation camps in the Toronto area can help keep your kids active this March break and summer.**

At Horseshoe Resort in Barrie, young ski enthusiasts can give winter a final hurrah at the March Break Race Camp. Students learn technique and course tactics through daily drills and race-course training in a non-competitive environment.

"The camp will help improve their skiing and racing skills, but will also help improve their confidence," says Christine Jamieson, vice-president of marketing and public relations with Skyline Boutique Hotels and Resorts, which owns Horseshoe. "It is also a fun, healthy way to get outside and enjoy winter exercise."

The program, which is designed for ages five and up, runs March 15-19 and costs $220.

For those wanting to escape the cold, InnerGolf in downtown Toronto offers a March Break Jr. Golf Camp. In an indoor, 6,000-square-foot facility, kids ages seven to 12 learn about everything from the history of the game to swing plane and proper ball contact.

Hosted by a certified golf teaching professional, the camp runs March 15-19 and costs $450.

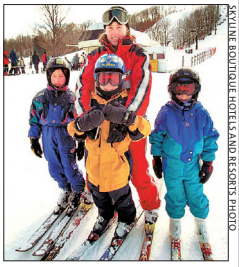
When summer arrives, Camp Naorca gives kids the chance to experience the great outdoors without ever leaving the city. Archery, orienteering and hiking are among the activities that take place in the natural ravine setting of the Forest Valley Outdoor Education Centre in North York.

For kids from four-and-a-half to 14, the camp is available in four sessions of one or two weeks, beginning July 5. The cost ranges from $163 to $407.

Adventure of a different kind can be found at the Circus Arts Summer Camp, which is held at the Big Top School of Circus Arts in Newmarket.

Geared towards kids ages six to 14, the program is supervised by Yurii Nadtotchi, formerly of the Moscow Circus and Cirque du soleil. Campers experience all manners of circus activity including tight wire, stilts, trampoline, juggling and acrobatics. A favourite is trapeze, "where kids get to fly up to 20 feet up in the air," says the school's Iana Nadtotchi.

The program runs in four-day and five-day camps beginning June 28. The cost starts at $152.



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Horseshoe Resort in Barrie offers a March Break Race Camp.

## Camps that make learning fun

Leave it to camp to make learning fun. Toronto's various academic camps mean kids don't have to fall behind during March and summer break.

They can learn the joys of science at **Mad Science** camps around the city. "It's very hands-on. Very fun," says Sharon Overend, marketing manager at Mad Science. "The objective is to make science fun."

The summer is broken down into six, one-week sessions with themes like Rocket Camp and Science Sleuth, one of which is chosen for March break. This year's themes are Machine Maniacs and Secret Agent Lab, depending on location.

Camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the ages range from six to 12. Class sizes don't exceed 18. For more, go to madscience.org/toronto.

Other camps offer learning through play. The **Chess and Math Association** offers a weeklong March break camp at the Mount Pleasant Public Library. Classes are either half- or full-day and include outdoor recreation, weather permitting. "The focus is on chess, but we also have strategy games," says Tibi Andronache, regional director.

With up to 40 kids ranging from kindergarten to Grade 8, players are grouped in similar skill levels and compete against each other. To learn more, go to chess-math.org.

Or consider one of **Sylvan Learning**'s subject-specific camps. Depending on the centre, Sylvan offers one- and two-week sessions over March break and the summer. Programs include Fraction Action, Write On, and Solve This. – LEYLA EMORY FOR METRO TORONTO

# City ripe with creative programs

LEYLA EMORY
for Metro Toronto

Don't let the cold weather fool you — summer is not that far away and March break is around the corner. Fortunately, the city is ripe with camps to keep the creative juices flowing outside the classroom.

Avenue Road Arts School offers JK to fourth graders a taste of visual arts, drama, and music with its integrated programs. This year's theme is Tall Tales.

"They'll be working in both two-dimensional and three-dimensional forms, so they'll be making a costume or mask," says Liana Del Mastro Vicente, the school's director. Each day will revolve around a specific myth or legend.

Grades 4 to 9 have the option of more specific classes focusing on painting, clay and musical theatre. Classes are offered in both half- and full-day formats and run March 8-12 for private schools, and March 15-19 for others.

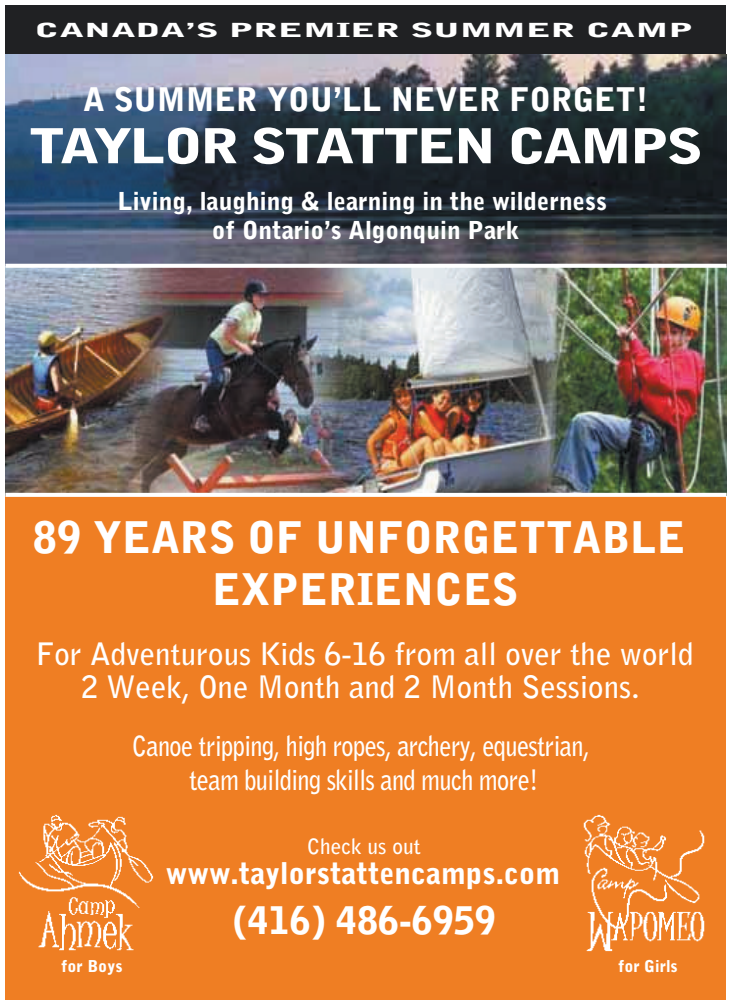
Further west, the Art Works Art School is offering a "Drawasauras" camp for kids ages four to seven.

"It's a mixed-media camp focused on the subject of dinosaurs," says Danica Loncar, the school's director.

Meanwhile, six- to 11-year-olds have the option of "Magical Masks," an arts and crafts-based class.

The summer program runs from the first week in July to the end of August.

For a more drop-in approach, consider Toronto's museums. Many offer March break-specific activities as well as programs for the summer months. For more, go to toronto.ca/culture/museums/camps.htm.



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# Cultures collide in Parkdale

## Toronto's west-end hub a place for different scenes to congregate

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RAFAEL BRUSILOW
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**Located west of downtown but at the centre of Toronto's cultural movement, Parkdale is a community that continues to defy expectations.**

The small but tightly packed area that lies west from Dufferin Street to Roncesvalles Avenue and from Queen Street West to Lake Ontario is as varied as it is full of life and vigour.

Parkdale's spirit is rooted in cultural diversity, with many new immigrants to the city for decades having called it their first home. Low rents throughout the community have contributed greatly to its appeal for working-class and immigrant residents, yet gentrification has been increasing in recent years as Toronto's cultural wave continues to move westward along Queen and King Streets.

The neighbourhood suffered a difficult transition from the 1950s-'70s as the building of the Gardiner Expressway demolished large chunks of Parkdale and severed the community from its lake access, causing many businesses to close during those years.

Yet, Parkdale's return to form has been impressive in recent decades, spurred on by a welcoming sense of community that has obviously rubbed off on residents and tourists alike.

A tour of Parkdale Village on Queen Street West reveals a thriving streetscape where mom-and-pop stores dominate, with charming antique furniture displayed proudly outside storefronts,

Movie crews frequently film in the area, with the telltale orange cones and lines of white trailers parked on side streets a testament to Parkdale's visual appeal.

There's a certain downhome charm to Parkdale that seems genuinely earned and residents who move away often lament missing the unique feel of the area.

Whether you're taking a walk down by the lakeside, stopping in for a drink at one of TO's hippest bars or cruising Queen Street West for a truly distinctive trinket, you'll find that Parkdale is full of surprises.

### The Lowdown:

- **AVERAGE REAL ESTATE VALUE:** $415,533; **RENT:** $754
- **SCHOOLS:** Parkdale CI Secondary School (209 Jameson Ave.), Holy Family Elementary (141 Close Ave.), Parkdale Jr & Sr PS (78 Seaforth Ave.), St Vincent de Paul Elementary (116 Fermanagh Ave.), Queen Victoria Jr PS (100 Close Ave.)
- **CONDO DEVELOPMENTS:** Bohemian Embassy, includes Queen Tower Flats and Lofts (1171 Queen St. W.) , Giraffe Condominiums (Bloor W. and Dundas), High Park Lofts (437 Roncesvalles Ave.), Glas Condominium and Lofts (King W. and Charlotte), The Bridge, Phase 2, (1100 King W.)
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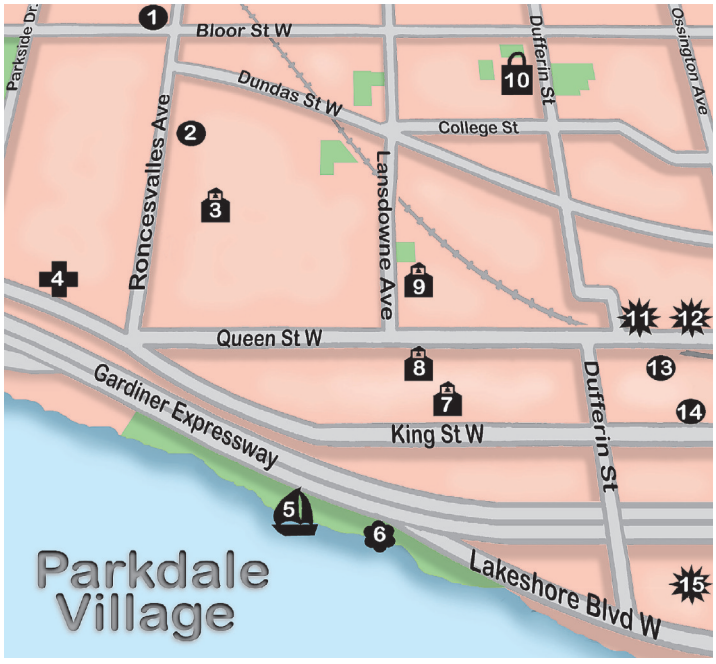


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- 9: Parkdale Jr & Sr school
- 10: Dufferin Mall
- 11: Gladstone Hotel
- 12: Drake Hotel
- 13: Bohemian Embassy (condo)
- 14: Bridge King-Queen condos
- 15: CNE grounds

### What do you like about Parkdale?
-compiled by Rafael Brusilow

**Joanne Garries**
age 48, lives in the area
A: "There's a funky side here — it's a bit of an artist's haven. Mezzrow's has a great veggie burger."

**Nicole Dowzansky**
age 27, visits the area
A: "I love Parkdale, I think it's on the rise. Not My Dog is new and it's great for live bands."

**Jason Pham**
age 18, lives in the area
A: "It's diverse and it's a really tight community. The Masaryk-Cowan Community Centre has so many different programs dedicated to youth."

**Bit of history**
Parkdale was founded as an independent settlement within York County in the 1850s. It became an incorporated village in 1879 and later joined Toronto in 1889. WIKIPEDIA.ORG

# A nerve-centre for artistic minds

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

**Eclecticism is the name of the game in Toronto's Western neighbourhood of Parkdale. Nestled between trendy West Queen West and High Park, it's a wondrous transition between city hubbub and natural beauty. Moreover, reasonable housing and ethnic distinctiveness have established Parkdale as a nerve centre for city newcomers, artistic minds and families, further fostering its diversification.**

Parkdale is full of stores, bars and restos as seen above in a view east on Queen Street West. Among them are (see right) Mitzi's Sister, Le Tibet, Playdead Cult, Cadillac Lounge, Mezzrow's and Poor John's.

Such cultural broadness is reflected in the neighbourhood's plethora of self-reliant, thematic restaurants. What better way to start the evening than soaking up international cuisine such as Le Tibet's namesake, Mother India, Ali's Roti, M&B Ethiopian and more, all at modest prices?

Bellies full, it's time for a short dash to any of the area's equally unique watering holes. Laidback haunts such as The Rhino, Wrong Bar and The Cadillac Lounge offer their own characteristic charms in a 300-plus selection of beers, club-meets-pub party scene and vintage rock-meets-auto enthusiasm aura respectively. Mezzrows' soft lighting and covered patio are a hit for halcyon evenings while virtually next door, Mitzi's Sister proudly hosts the converse: Live bands almost nightly. For more discerning palates, Cafe Taste's pairings of global wines and cheeses is delectably decadent.

Never at a loss for daytime dining, cafes such as Mitzi's on Sorauren Avenue, Poor John's and Easy offer bounteous luncheon options while The Ground Level Cafe is of special note. Community-minded, it strictly hires at-risk/disadvantaged youth in an effort to provide practical employment experience.

For the self, The Public Butter is packed with vintage wear while across the way, the inimitable Playdead Cult boasts original street gear. Festooned in a hand-painted skull and crossbones motif, you can't miss it. When hunting for the home, aptly-named Good Catch proves a haven for pack rats, mongering previously enjoyed trinkets, organic groceries, local art and probably the kitchen sink. Further down along Antiques Row, a collection of tattoo parlours such as Sunnyside are bringing a fresh atmosphere to the antiquarian boutiques.

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# Give your walls a **personal touch**

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**Wall decals, decorative clocks, candle wall sconces — gone are the days of simply wallpapering and hanging a painting. Just as a home's decor allows one's personality to shine through, a home's walls offer individuals a blank canvas in which to express themselves.**

"I think overall when it comes to adorning your walls it always comes down to expressing your personality," said Margot Austin, senior design editor at Style at Home magazine. "Regardless of trends you have to go with what speaks to you, what speaks to your heart, what gives you energy, what you love."

Create dimension for bare walls with a gallery of art hung salon-style — combining art of different sizes, styles and framing with mixed media like photographs and lithographs.

Changing up wall decor with such conversation pieces as a rug or tapestry, metal sculptures, Asian scroll art, sleek shelving, wall vases with dainty flowers, or a funky wall applique that speaks your mind can breathe new life into a room.

"People feel they are not qualified (to hang wall art) but we have to get past that and go for it," said Austin. "Be inspired and make it happen.

The Tara Wall Sconce has a polished chrome finish with crystal pendants and glass accents. Canadian Tire, $49.99, canadiantire.ca.

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# Bold, bright colour a coming trend in '10

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**Colour was on the lips of many designers at this year's International Design Show.**

Bold. Punchy. Colour that makes a statement.

Eye-catching colours like orange, eggplant and electric blue are making their way into home decor this year, making a splash in neutral-themed rooms and igniting conversation.

For Canadian colour designer Janice Lindsay, the neutral, back-seat colour this year is gray. But not just any gray.

"The biggest colour story of all is what I call organic gray. The gray of sandstone, natural things," said Lindsay. "Not the gray we would associate in industrial buildings or business clothing. (Rather like) rock, gray fur. Gray is kinda the background and strong hints of colour are in the foreground."

The interior color designer, who runs Pink Colour & Design in Toronto, said to use more gray and less white for a more elegant look.

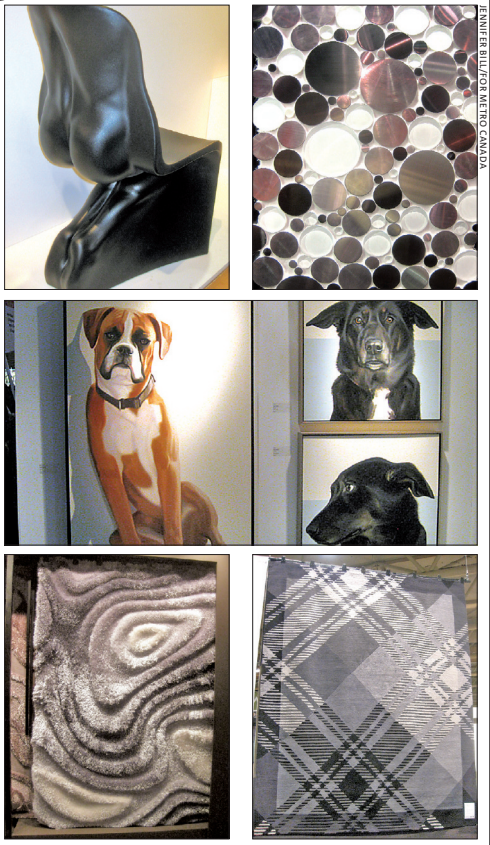
"If we use (gray) as background, we can throw in any color, 'sizzly' colours — colour accents in really surprising ways," said Lindsay, who recently wrote a book titled, All About Colour. "In a room that would typically be all neutral, you will see really sassy colours, like in throw pillows, or a chair."

Kitchen appliances are also showing their true colours. Pumpkin and chocolate have made their way into the kitchen, and no, it's not Halloween.

A wildly coloured stove or fridge is landing among the stainless steel monotony as an accent piece. Viking has come out with 24 colours, ranging from racing red to cobalt blue, to pumpkin, plum, mint julep and chocolate, while Bertazzoni has created eight.

"We're seeing an increase in the demand for something other than stainless steel," said Steve Anderson of Distinctive Appliances, which distributes the two lines. "People are … trying to be different than their neighbours. They're trying to steal the show.

"They're trying to have panache."



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Check out these items featured at this year's Interior Design Show: (clockwise from top left) Fabio Novembre's Him & Her chairs; A mosaic from Metal Mosaics at Saltillo Importc Inc.; oil on canvas paintings by Canadian Gretta Gibney — an artist who specializes in the portraiture of people and pets; Clayton Budd's tartan run and finally a gray, shaggy rug from Modern Weave.

# What's your winter wishlist?

HomeScape

Do you feel cold and chilled in your own house? Perhaps not so much when you're moving about, but at those times when you're reading, or camped out in front of a computer screen, reading, typing away with icy fingers and a cold-tipped nose.

Bah, at times like this I hate the winter. I love the way it can look, all white-covered and lacy, and I enjoy it immensely when I'm physically engaged, as in skating, or skiing or snowboarding. But I hate the feeling of being chilled through to the bone.

Here's my wish list, and alternatives for those of you who, like me, are looking for a shot of heat during the cold season.

- Heated floors. Nothing better than stepping out of bed onto a warmed floor. If a heated floor isn't going to work for you, use rugs.
- Heated towel bars to make towels and clothes warm, but also to heat up the bathroom so stepping out of the shower into cool air is not so downright unpleasant.
- A heated toilet seat is a nice touch.
- Fireplaces that radiate heat. No replacement for that wonderful luxury.
- A home sauna, or a hot tub. If you can't find these luxuries at home, go and take advantage of one elsewhere, such as a fitness centre, for example.

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# Black Creek: Unique, dramatic

Suite Talk

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

**When it comes to a living space, comfort may be king but it never hurts to add a splash of adventure.**

Located just east of Oshawa, Black Creek by Halminen Homes features standalone two-, three- and four-bedroom homes, including a model home that shows how a little bit of colour goes a long way to making an already inviting space truly feel like home.

## Black Creek

- Builder: Halminen Homes
- Halminenhomes.com
- Availability: Now
- Sizes & Pricing: Detached homes on 40', 50' and 60' lots range up to 3,486 sq ft and start at $317,990.

While the suite, with its earthy colours and warm dark wood and light cream tones, successfully conveys a sense of elegant comfort, Halminen Homes brought in designer Anu Thorne to give the suite a final touch of excitement.

Thorne was challenged to work with the existing furniture and finishings to add a sense of adventure to the space, so she focused on small, sharp contrasts using standout colours.

Seen here are some shots from Black Creek's — located east of Oshawa — model home

"When it comes to model homes we do see a lot of earth tones — right now they're very popular. I tried to give the space some extra life with oranges and blues and punch it up with a few accent pieces so that your eye is definitely drawn into the room," Thorne said.

Contrasts go a long way to not only making a space dramatic but also to highlight its uniqueness.

"I always like to work with contrasts because they add a bit of individuality. There's a trend now to not have everything quite so matching," Thorne said.

Creating a sense of life is important in a model suite so Thorne accented main areas like the living room and kitchen selectively with potted plants like orchids and small ferns to bring a little nature indoors.

"It makes the room look like people really are living there when you put something that actually has life in there," Thorne said.

Red silk pillows mix with soft, luxurious corduroy textures on the living room sofa and similar texture-swapping occurs in the bedroom with cottons and silks sharing space and creating a more interesting, tactile feel than with a single fabric alone.

"I think it always makes it more interesting to have different textures rather than having it be so utilitarian. It helps to convey a feeling of warmth and excitement," she said.

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# Toronto builders dominate U.S. awards

If you have children in house league hockey, you'll know that when the goal differential exceeds five, they stop updating the scoreboard. At that point, the fans of the winning team shift from wildly cheering to politely applauding any more goals. I felt like the parent on the right side of the five goal differential as Toronto condo builders snapped-up a quarter of the trophies at a recent awards event in Las Vegas.

The Nationals, presented by the U.S.-based National Association of Home Builders, celebrate sales, marketing, design and project excellence with nominations coming from all over North America, and even Saudi Arabia and China.

The evening got off to a great start with local broker In2ition Marketing Insights winning the first two awards for best sales team (for the second consecutive year) and best sales managers and the Toronto contingent in attendance cheering quite boisterously.

Then the parade really got underway with Joe Latobesi of Montana Steele Advertising making the first of what would turn out to be nine trips to the stage on behalf of three different builder clients, including Lifetime/BLVD Developments, who garnered five trophies for Liberty Market Lofts. Respecting the five goal rule, our applause began to die down but the excitement at our table was palpable.

**"Toronto condo builders, designers and marketers are the best anywhere in the world."**

Rounding out the Montana Steele haul were three awards for Bazis International's One Bloor project and one for Cityzen Development's London on the Esplanade.

Meanwhile, Context Developments with ad agency L.A. Inc. picked-up two awards, one for The Library District (pending launch), the other for Market Wharf, while Sig-Nature Developments notched a single for Triumph North. As the evening wound down and 14 trophies piled-up on the Toronto table, I started to think less about the goal differential and more about that IKEA commercial where the satisfied shopper whispers "start the car."

It's always nice to win awards, but the real point is that Toronto condo builders, designers and marketers are the best anywhere in the world, by five goals or more.

Stephen Dupuis is president and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD). He can be reached at president@bildgta.ca.

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## Buying an immediate fixer upper

LegalMatters

**Q We have purchased an old home that needs some serious updating. Because the market is so hot and there are so few properties in our price range, we opted to not make the offer conditional on a house inspection. Our bid was accepted and we are currently narrowing in on our closing. On one of our visits, we had a home inspector attend and he noticed that we had old knob and tube wiring running throughout the house. We mentioned this to our lawyer and he stated that we needed to divulge this to our insurance company. When we did this, the insurer refused to insure the house due to fire hazard. What should we do?**

A You are in a bit of a pickle because without home insurance, you can't get a mortgage. Not to worry though.

You need to shop around with different insurers as some will still insure a home (who are the present owners using as an insurer?). Usually what happens is that the insurance company will extend a policy upon the condition that you immediately replace the wiring to more up to date electrical. They will typically put a time limit on this renovation of 30 or 60 days.

That may mean that your fixer upper will have its first facelift with new wiring. This can be an expensive proposition but you probably won't have any choice. So, the drywalling, new windows or new roof may have to wait while you address your insurance company's concerns that your electrical is not a fire hazard.

Best of luck.

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# Style

## Tee to help Haiti

**To help raise funds for Haiti, Jacob has designed a special T-shirt that will be sold for $15 at all of its Jacob and Jacob Connexion stores across the country starting Friday. One hundred per cent of the proceeds will go to Oxfam for the reconstruction of Haiti; the goal is to reach $150 000. Designed by Jacob's graphic design team, the image on the shirt shows a helping hand shaped by hand-written sentences, several of which are in Haitian Creole.**
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# It's all in the *genes*

## Edgy, sophistic label Genetic Denim gets wider release in Canada

Genetic Denim's Johnny jean jacket ($278).

ANN-MARIE COLACINO
for Metro Canada

**"(My denim detailing) is for the fashion-forward leader that walks with a swagger and 'owns' what she wears and who she is."**
Ali Fatourechi, Genetic Denim founder

**Ali Fatourechi knows what women want... Well, at least when it comes to denim.**

His styles are worn by the likes of such A-listers as Anne Hathaway, Shakira and Halle Berry and are now making their way (with a wider release starting this month) to Canada.

He is the founder of Genetic Denim, a brand he spent years developing, including a one-year stint of market research.

In 2006, the American-based designer embarked on what he calls a denim tour across the United States to ask mostly women and some men what they wanted in a pair of jeans.

Traveling in a U-Haul across 42 cities for a year might not seem like the most glamorous of ventures, but when you see the end result of Fatourechi's market research it all makes sense.

After interacting with 20,000 consumers, he designed a collection that utilizes top-quality fabrics with washes and cuts from around the world. The brand is designed to actuate each individual's assets while maintaining the ultimate in comfort.

When asked the secret to the jeans' softness, Fatourechi remains covert: "I travelled the four corners of the earth looking to develop the softest fabrics. It's the yarn I use and the mills I work with... that's all I can say."

During a recent visit to Toronto, he also shared some of the key lessons he learned from his travels. "You're only as good as your first five inches below the waistband. If the jeans don't fit within the first five inches below the waistband as a denim brand you're dead in the water.

"All women care about how their hips, crotch and backside look in a pair of jeans," explains Fatourechi. To address these concerns, his spring/summer 2010 line includes styles like The Shane, a cigarette cut, The Riley, a classic boot-cut, The James, a cigarette cut with zippers, and The Davis, a slouchy cigarette style that is a sexy update of the classic boyfriend silhouette.

The line also includes a variety of jackets, vests, shorts, skirts and even a jogging pant, ranging from $225 to $275.

Once he addressed the major structural aspects of his denim brand, Fatourechi decided to incorporate some unique touches into his pieces. The first begins with the brand's name, which is a reference to human DNA, "The only thing that makes you unique in this world." That message is also embedded in the actual clothing with DNA helix and "XX" or "XY" embroidery on each item.

Sequined patches under distressed jeans as well as studding, lacing and zippered details are also subtleties that give the brand a "twist," says Fatourechi.

In term of the patches and zippers, he explains, "Tim Burton's Edward Scissorhands inspired that look for me… It's for the fashion-forward leader that walks with a swagger and 'owns' what she wears and who she is."

### Where to buy

- Genetic Denim's spring collection debuts at Aritzia stores tomorrow. It will also be available at Holt Renfrew throughout the month. Visit geneticdenim.com for more information.

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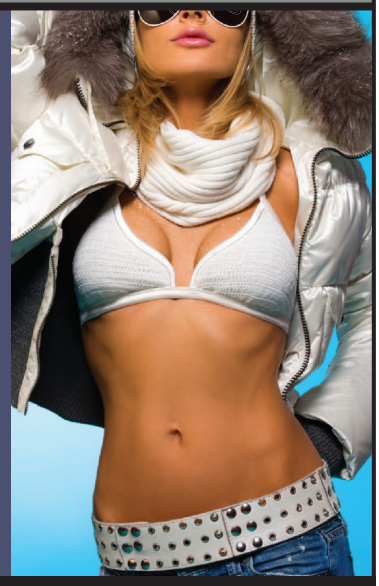

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# Fashion Week

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# Buh-bye old Bryant Park

## A look at the often prickly relationship between New York's fashion industry and its soon to be former headquarters

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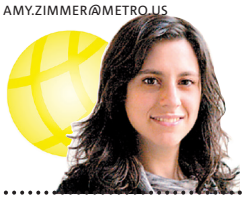

The now iconic Bryant Park Tents attracted its fair share of onlookers. Whether they were admirers or haters depends on whom you ask.

**This season is New York Fashion Week's last in the iconic white tents at midtown's Bryant Park.**

But what has Fashion Week meant for Bryant Park? Nostalgic reflections from Anna Wintour, Patricia Field and many more will plaster the Bryant Park Tents for the grand farewell before next season's move to the Lincoln Center performing arts complex.

It started as a symbiotic relationship in 1993. "Our mission was to organize, modernize and centralize," says Fern Mallis, Fashion Week's mastermind, of the Council of Fashion Designers of America's decision to move the catwalks. At the time, the shows were known as "Market Week." They were haphazard and sometimes hazardous — a piece of the ceiling fell during a Michael Kors show. Before Fashion Week, "nobody thought New York had designers that were creative," Mallis says.

Bryant Park was undergoing its own renaissance, shedding its nickname "Needle Park" for the drug dealers, prostitutes and the homeless who had taken residence there since the 1970s. "But we weren't glamorous," notes Bryant Park Corporation president Dan Biederman. "They brought us glamour."

Bringing the white tents to the eight-acre green space in Midtown Manhattan provided a big boost to American designers. It gave them the creative recognition that made it possible, on a certain level, for homegrown designers like Kors and Marc Jacobs to capture the attention of major French fashion houses (Celine and Louis Vuitton respectively).

But as the park's name became synonymous with Fashion Week, the Bryant Park Corporation began to sour on the event. And what was an important move for Fashion Week — changing its schedule to run ahead of London and Paris shows — turned out to hurt Bryant Park. Instead of running at the chillier end of autumn as they had for the first several years, the shows took prime lawn space away from lunchtime workers returning to their offices after Labor Day vacation. The February shows posed problems when the park got a skating rink.

"We won't miss the complaints," Biederman says. "People called us crass and commercial because it was an invitation-only event in a public park," he adds. In fact, he says it was his organization that helped event organizers from IMG find the Lincoln Center spot.

Bryant Park will likely miss the seven figure fee Fashion Week paid to use it, but Mallis — who had searched every pier and empty lot in New York City before agreeing to Lincoln Center — believes the businesses in the area may miss the hundreds of models, stars, stylists, editors and writers who buy their lattes nearby.

"It's a bittersweet moment," Steven Kolb, executive director of the CFDA says. He adds, "Bryant Park became symbolic. If you're a young designer and want to make it in fashion, you dream of Bryant Park. But at the same time change is good. Knowing that designers are creative people, I can't imagine they wouldn't tap into the arts at Lincoln Center."

**"It will be a very memorable and significant season," Mallis says before admitting that "there will be people who complain (of the move)."**
Fern Mallis, Council of Fashion Designers of America

### Timeline

**A brief look at New York Fashion Week history:**

- **1991:** Debris falls during Michael Kors' show in a loft, hitting fashion writer Suzy Menkes on the head. The Council of Fashion Designers begins brainstorming for a central location to replace the sometimes dangerous lofts, clubs and restaurants where designers were showing.
- **1993:** The CFDA launches "7th on Sixth," bringing white tents to Bryant Park and creating Fashion Week as we now know it. New York designers get a more international reach as editors, writers and stylists from around the world flock to the event.
- **1998:** Fashion Week is brought forward to early February. The move helps New York designers get "creative recognition," but angers Bryant Park.
- **2001:** IMG, a sports and entertainment marketing management firm, takes over Fashion Week by purchasing 7th on Sixth from the CFDA

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along with its executive director Fern Mallis.

- **2006:** Fights between Fashion Week and Bryant Park continue. The Bryant Park Corporation wants Fashion Week out so that they can operate their skating rink in the winter. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg intervenes at the behest of Anna Wintour.
- **2009:** Mayor Bloomberg announces that Fashion Week will have a new home at Lincoln Center. The space will expand from 70,000 square feet to 87,000 square feet.

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# Fashion cravings

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***Nine months or nine weeks, sometimes the fashion creative process really can feel like giving birth.***

Fashion designers have long compared creating a collection to giving birth for a reason. First they have to conceive the idea, and then there's all of those stressed-filled months spent worrying about its development. Not to mention all of those weird cravings. Yes, cravings.

The designers behind some of New York's beloved brands fill us in on the pleasures and pains they experience while hard at work.

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### Sophie Theallet

"For me, creating a new collection is always a painful process until it starts emerging. Once it comes, it's all worth it. The biggest difference from being pregnant is that the fashion cravings are not the healthy ones — white wine, cigarettes. I go through many sleepless nights and can't think straight. And sometimes my temperament seems irrational. But at least in the end, everything comes back to the right place."

### Tracy Reese

"My cravings are simple: Great music, healthy food and lots of silliness and laughter. It relieves stress and makes the long days feel so much shorter. It also makes for great memories."

### Costello Tagliapietra

**(Jeffrey Costello and Robert Tagliapietra)** "Due to the lack of time and sleep, we tend to eat a lot of takeout and junk food under the guise of treating ourselves for all the hard work we're doing. We allow ourselves to eat anything guilt-free. Greasy Reuben [sandwiches] from the diner or a lumberjack breakfast always work well to calm those cravings."

### Preen

**(Thea Bregazzi and Justin Thornton)** "Birth is much more physically painful. But the collection really is like your baby. You wake at night stressing about the colors, the time, the music, the models. You crave daylight and culture and friends. And then it's over, in a flash of light and 15 minutes of adrenaline."

### Nicole Miller

"I love chips! The design team stocks up on crazy flavored potato chips —jalapeño, cheese, the list goes on. Tim's and Zap's are some of the best brands."

### Bensoni (Sonia Yoon)

"Right now, I'm obsessed with Olive's giant chocolate chip cookies. For me the collection feels like a child all grown up and ready to go on its own way into the real world. Like sending your child off to college. Not that I know what that feels like."

Nicole Miller

## A look at front row celebs in New York

### THE MARATHONERS

Each season, a small rotating cast of celebrities turns up at nearly every show. Maybe they're considering launching a clothing line of their own or perhaps just running on a high from a seemingly endless stream of photo-ops. No matter, New York is the city where celebrities work the front row as hard as many of the editors. In past seasons, Olivia Palermo (1), Zoe Saldana (2) and Kanye West (3) have all earned their front row marathon stripes. Who will it be this show season?

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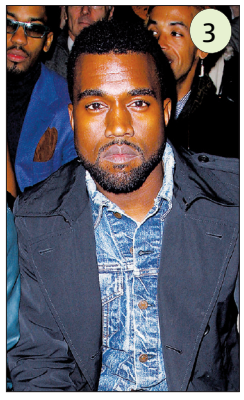


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### Bess hits NYFW

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**Garrett faces drug charges**

Ex-child star Leif Garrett found himself locked up for two days this week on drug charges. The singer-actor, who reached teen idol status in the 1970s, was arrested Monday at a Los Angeles Metrolink station for possession of a controlled substance, TMZ reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Entertainment

**Haiti handbag**

Scarlett Johansson has designed a handbag to raise money for Haiti. The actress has sketched designs for a stylish ivory bag with a map print, which will be sold at Mango. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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# Meaghan follows retro path

## Meaghan **Smith**

**Album:** The Cricket's Orchestra
**Label:** Warner
**Rating:** ●●●

**THIS WELL-OILED** debut LP by London, Ont., native Meaghan Smith follows a retro-path already well trodden by fellow Canadian songstresses Jill Barber, Sarah Harmer and Melissa McClelland. Smith was looking for a sound reminiscent of the '30s and '40s and found it with Toronto-based producer Les Cooper who wove similar magic into Barber's last offering, Chances. The strings, horns and organ add charm without overpowering the light-hearted appeal of Smith's voice. There's nothing wrong with old. As a matter of fact, old is a lot better than a lot of the garbage currently on the radio. Fast-forwarding a few decades, however, might make more sense for Meaghan Smith's next outing.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

## Martha & The **Muffins**

**Album:** Delicate
**Label:** Muffin Music
**Rating:** ●●●

**MARTHA AND THE** Muffins used to be Canadian music royalty — they released Echo Beach three decades ago to international acclaim. But that was then. Today you'd be hard pressed to find a new music fan who knows anything about the group. That could change with Delicate, the group's first album in 18 years, which harkens back to the act's new wave roots. Martha Johnson's monotone vocals have barely changed, and the group's thickly layered rock is straight out of the '80s. The music isn't as engaging as it once was, but it's a much better listen than many reunion disc.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

The Cricket's Orchestra is the debut album from Meaghan Smith.

## Album**Reviews**

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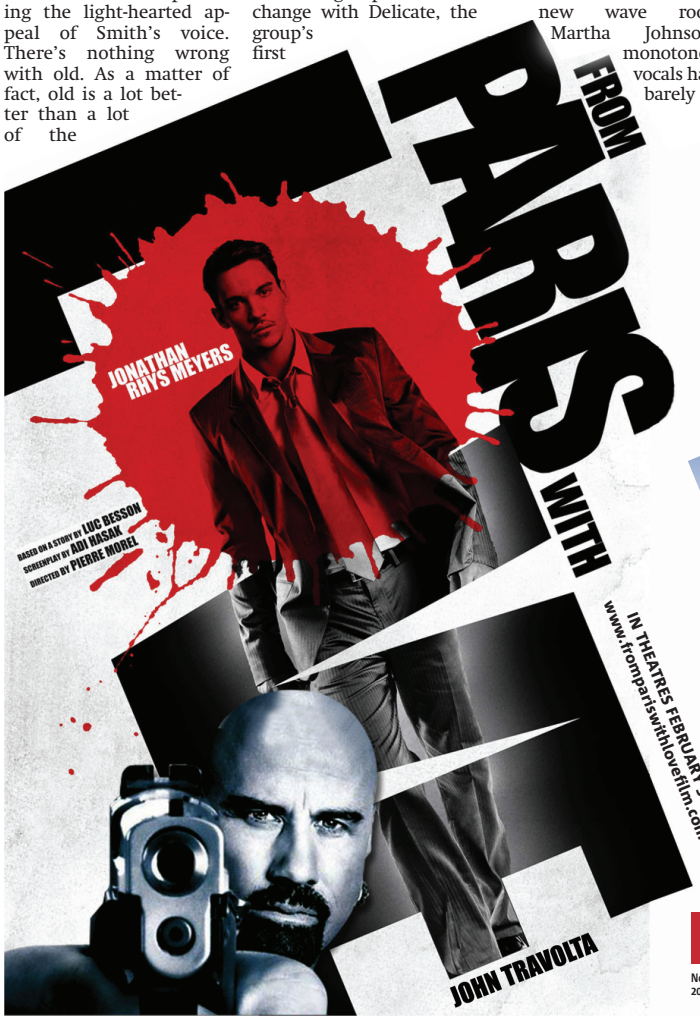
## The Album **Leaf**

**Album:** A Chorus of Storytellers
**Label:** Sub Pop/Outside
**Rating:** ●●●½

**AFTER 10 YEARS** of playing dreamy, low-key music, Jimmy LaValle, the man behind The Album Leaf, has finally recorded with a full band. The results are exactly what you'd expect — the songs are more complex and more ambitious than his previous work. He's still producing interesting stuff, but it's not as immediate as his last record and, frankly, a lot of bands are already doing what he's doing. He's lost some of his uniqueness here, but the songs are still as atmospheric as ever.

Bryan Borzykowski /for Metro Canada



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**Suvari to marry in Rome**
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# Rap hits rock bottom

## Lil' Wayne

**Album:** Rebirth
**Label:** Cash Money/Universal
**Rating:** ⊕

**LIL' WAYNE WON'T** be going to prison on a good note. Presumably inspired by the popularity of Autotune bands and Kanye West's departure into soulful emoting on 808s & Heartbreak, Weezy's seventh solo album is a painful excursion into rock 'n' roll. Of course, the rapper's fanbase has braced themselves for this since the release of Rebirth's atrocious lead single, Prom Queen. The rest of the album is consistent with that song's grating tone — the production is an unrefined version of Avril Lavigne-style pop-punk, with Wayne's unbearable singing voice slathered in robotic, distorted effects. The brilliantly absurd lyricism that elevated him to the top of his game is all but gone here. Only the Eminem collaboration stands out, and only because of a scene-stealing verse from its featured guest.

**Jason Richards/for Metro Canada**

Rebirth is Lil'Wayne's painful excursion into rock 'n' roll.

## Hot Chip

**Album:** One Life Stand
**Label:** EMI
**Rating:** ⊕⊕⊕⊕

**ANYONE HOPING FOR** Hot Chip to finally deliver that full album of bangers might be disappointed to hear these guys are as interested in baring souls as they are filling dance floors. On One Life Stand, Hot Chip's multifarious nature more than ever proves that they write both songs and not just club anthems. Thieves In The Night, We Have Love and the title track all throb with sub-woofing authority, but life-affirming ballad Slush and hushed, nocturnal synths on Keep Quiet give this fourth album the nuances to keep you tuned in. Electronic music has never had as heart as it does when Hot Chip is playing it.

**Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada**

## Nick Jonas & The Administration

**Album:** A Chorus of Storytellers
**Label:** Sub Pop/Outside
**Rating:** ⊕⊕⊕½

**YOU GOT TO** hand it to Nick Jonas, the guy knows his Disney-backed days are numbered. Instead of setting himself up to become a has-been, the youngest Jonas has crafted an easy-on-the-ears adult pop disc. There's nothing good about the record — it's boring and uninspiring — but that's the point. He wants to sell to the masses, specifically to the parents of his tween fans, and that's what he'll do. The R&B tint on Olive and an Arrow and the jazzy tones of In the End add a bit of colour, but there's no major revelation here.

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**Super producer**

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Kristen Bell, left, and Malin Akerman, right, in Couples Retreat.

# A Canuck in comedy

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

**PROFILE** Toronto-native Malin Akerman has really come into her own in Hollywood in recent years.

The young actress starred alongside Ben Stiller in The Heartbreak Kid, played a flawed superhero in Watchmen, and most recently shared the screen with Vince Vaughn and Jon Favreau in Couples Retreat (arriving on DVD Friday). For Akerman, the experience has been well beyond anything she ever expected.

"It's been a pretty strange experience," Akerman told Metro. "I've worked with phenomenal comedians who I've idolized for my entire life. To all of a sudden see my face on the same poster as Vince Vaughn was pretty surreal."

Couples Retreat offered Akerman a rare opportunity to be involved with a movie throughout the creative process. With Vaughn and Favreau also working as screenwriters, the entire cast was encouraged to expand their roles.

"It was nice because they were in the middle of cleaning up the script and rewriting certain things when I came on board," revealed Akerman. "So before we even started shooting, Vince and I had a good five hours when we went through all the scenes and improvised. Sometimes when you're working with people who have written the material they can be really keen on their words, but this was a huge collaborative effort."

Though known primarily as a comic actress, Akerman now wants to expand her career with dramatic roles.

"Often when you're cast in a certain genre people only see you in that light, which in my case is comedy," said Akerman.

"So, I've tried to veer away from that recently. This year I worked on three different independent films that are not comedies, just to show what I can do in the hopes of opening up other doors."

In the coming months, audiences will be treated to a more serious side of the actress in the ensemble dramas HappyThankYouMorePlease and The Romantics (both of which premiered at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival) as well as the Canadian-funded apartheid feature The Bang Bang Club.

Through these projects, Akerman found that she thrived in the fast paced world of independent filmmaking.

"I loved it. The turn around is faster and you become very close to everyone you work with.

"There's a nice feeling on the set that you're all in it for the right reasons and really want to be there," says the actress.

However, Akerman admits that she has no desire to ditch Hollywood entirely any time soon.

At the moment, she's happy to try it all.

Couples Retreat is out on DVD Friday

# Mötley a more clean-cut Crüe

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

**They may have had their hands on more pharmaceuticals than Pfizer, enough brawls to embarrass Ultimate Fighters and boast rap sheets longer than Al Capone, but there's one thing legendary brash rock 'n' rollers Mötley Crüe just can't seem to face.**

The cold.

"Me and my Chuck Taylors with holes in them aren't gonna fare well up there," jokes bassist Nikki Sixx about the band's forthcoming cross-Canada Dead Of Winter Tour.

Mötley Crüe play in Toronto tonight as part the Dead Of Winter Tour

"We think the title is funny. We were talking about going up there because we love Canada. Someone said, 'Yeah, right in the dead of winter.' There you go! That's the name of the tour!"

Despite decades of portrayal as a gruff, leather-clad naughty boy, Sixx is quite the charmer. Out to ensure this tour is packed to the rafters, he wisely addresses Canada's inherent identity crisis with carefully chosen words.

Discussing why Mötley Crüe (completed by guitarist Mick Mars, singer Vince Neil and drummer Tommy Lee) would bother to cross our country at the worst possible time, he pours it on thicker than molasses in, well, January.

"Canadian fans have been our best fans, influential worldwide about people being aware of the resurrection of Mötley Crüe all the way back to 2004. Even in the old days, you were instrumental in writing fan mail, calling radio stations and getting our name out there."

Speaking of dedication, Sixx is quick to point out that despite The Crüe's raucous image and well-documented in-fighting that has resulted in many break-ups and solitary departures (via their shocking 2001 biography The Dirt), the Dead Of Winter Tour finds one of modern rock's most decadent, debaucherous and dysfunctional bands surprisingly copacetic.

"We were just in rehearsals. Everyone pulls up, hugs each other and someone asks what to start with. 'How about, Doctor Feelgood?' 'Ok, then we'll end with Shout At The Devil.' We run through 20 songs, sit down and have a laugh, then we go home. That's it? That's all the drama? The drama lives in fable; in books and in folklore.

"We have our ups and downs, but we love each other," he continues. "It took time (because) you're in a marriage. At first, you're madly in love and then all of a sudden the other person squeezes the toothpaste tube from the middle instead of the bottom and you hate them.

"After a while of living with them, you learn to let little things go and then you fall back in love with them."

So while attitudes within the Crüe camp have warmed up, Sixx admits that it's not enough to get them through The Great White North.

That's why they've created their own retaliation to winter chill. "We're gonna give you two things," he laughs. "Loud, dirty rock 'n' roll and a lot of pyro to heat up the place. We'll need it because it's so effin' cold up there."

**"We have our ups and downs, but we love each other. It took time ..."**
Nikki Sixx

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# Wait ongoing for Jackson's doc and his lawyers

**LEGAL** Lawyers for Michael Jackson's doctor are meeting again to talk about their client's defence strategy in the event he's charged in the death of the singer.

As of yesterday afternoon, Dr. Conrad Murray and his lawyers had received no word from prosecutors about a decision from the district attorney.

Lead attorney Ed Chernoff was waiting for news in a Los Angeles-area hotel, and planned to meet with the other two members of the defence team later on.

Chernoff said Murray was at a friend's house in Santa Monica, where he was afraid to leave because of paparazzi waiting outside.

Murray told police he administered Jackson a powerful anesthetic and other sedatives shortly before the singer's death June 25.

Murray maintains nothing he gave Jackson should have killed him. "I haven't received any phone call from anybody asking for the doctor to surrender," Chernoff said. "If we get the call, we'll be happy to."

David Walgren, the deputy Los Angeles County district attorney handling the case, declined to comment.

Jackson, 50, hired Murray to be his personal physician as he prepared for a strenuous comeback in London.

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## Murray in default on debt: Judge

- A judge in Las Vegas has found Michael Jackson's former doctor in default on a nearly $132,000 debt related to office medical equipment and services.
- Dr. Conrad Murray failed to appear in Clark County District Court yesterday before Judge Michael Villani found him in default and awarded a judgment to Digirad Imaging Solutions.

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**The force is with Dark Vader actor**
David Prowse, the British actor who physically played Darth Vader in the original three Star Wars films, has announced he's made a full recovery from prostate cancer. The former bodybuilder told the Daily Mirror newspaper that his cancer is in remission. **POPEATER.COM**

# Cyclist cancer's enemy No. 1

## Stigma surrounding cancer big problem: Armstrong

**ELIZABETH BRAW**
Metro World News

**No athlete dominates his sport like Lance Armstrong. But in 1996, the world cycling champion's career nearly ended as he was diagnosed with Stage 3 testicular cancer. He was just 25 then. Even more devastatingly, the cancer had spread to his abdomen, lungs and brain. But Armstrong survived and went on to win the Tour de France a record seven consecutive years.**

Today Armstrong, who later retired from competitive cycling but has since returned, runs the Armstrong Foundation, which supports cancer victims and survivors around the world. The celebrity athlete — Armstrong has dated singer Sheryl Crow and actress Kate Hudson — is also one of Twitter's giants, with almost 2.5 million followers.

**Q Your cancer is now in remission. How does it affect your daily life?**

**A** I appreciate my life in a completely new and better way. Cancer has also allowed me to give back to my community and now the world in a way that I would never have imagined. I've been a competitive athlete for most of my life and I'm sure I would have pursued a long career in professional cycling either way and with success. But cancer put suffering and pain and fear — which are all part of any Tour de France — in perspective. No mountain stage in the Tour can compare to it. Cancer gave me focus, a purpose and a lot to live for.

**Today is World Cancer Day**

**Q Women openly talk about breast cancer, but men find talking about testicular cancer very hard. Were you ever embarrassed to talk about it?**

**A** Yes. At age 25 I had won the World Championships, the Tour Du Pont and multiple Tour de France stages. Then I was told I had cancer. Like most young, healthy men, I ignored the warning signs, and never imagined the seriousness of my condition. Going untreated, the cancer had spread to my abdomen, lungs and brain.

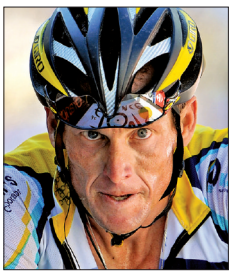
But then my competitive spirit took over. I declared myself not a cancer victim but a cancer survivor. While I was being treated, I truly began to grasp the magnitude of cancer. At the time, there were more than eight million people living with cancer. I got really angry and became interested in fighting cancer; not just my own, but cancer in general.

**Q Your Livestrong armbands have become ubiquitous. What's the next step in your fight against cancer?**

**A** In 2009, we established the Livestrong Global Cancer Campaign to address the global cancer burden and support the 28 million people living with cancer today. Cancer currently claims eight million lives each year and is projected to become the leading cause of death worldwide this year. Without global action, these numbers could triple by 2030.

This year I'll continue my efforts to reduce the burden of cancer with more urgency than ever. This global health crisis requires global solutions.

Former cycling champion Lance Armstrong is actively involved in the global fight against cancer.



**"Cancer put suffering and pain and fear — which are all part of any Tour de France — in perspective. No mountain stage in the Tour can compare to it"**
Lance Armstrong

**Q When will we have a world where cancer is no longer considered an almost-death sentence?**

**A** Today, cancer is currently one of the most preventable and curable of the major life-threatening diseases.

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**Madsen joins Scoundrels**

Virginia Madsen has landed the lead in Scoundrels, an ABC dramedy about a family of small-town criminals who attempt to go straight after the patriarch is sent to prison. Madsen would play the mom. EW.COM

# Have Guitar, Will Travel

## Joe Perry regroups after unexpected Aerosmith split

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

**Joe Perry, Aerosmith's famous guitarist might have a new album out, but there's only one thing his army of fans likely want to know about: What's happened to his band?**

If you haven't heard, after a November concert in Abu Dhabi, Aerosmith's frontman Steven Tyler quit the band; Perry found out by reading a story online. Since then Perry and his longtime songwriting partner haven't spoken — he's called a couple times, but hasn't heard back.

**"I'm hoping that some of the rumours (of Tyler's return) are true but we'll see what happens. We are looking for a new singer."**
Joe Perry

"It's a shame," says Perry, still confused by Tyler's departure. "He didn't say anything to us, it wasn't planned."

In fact, the band was working on a record with Brendan O'Brien, but Tyler, says Perry, "didn't seem interested in it."

Tyler, who's now in drug rehab, has said he still wants to play with the group, but Perry's already making arrangements to keep Aerosmith going without his musical cohort.

"I'm hoping that some of the rumours (of Tyler's return) are true but we'll see what happens," he says. "We are looking for a new singer."

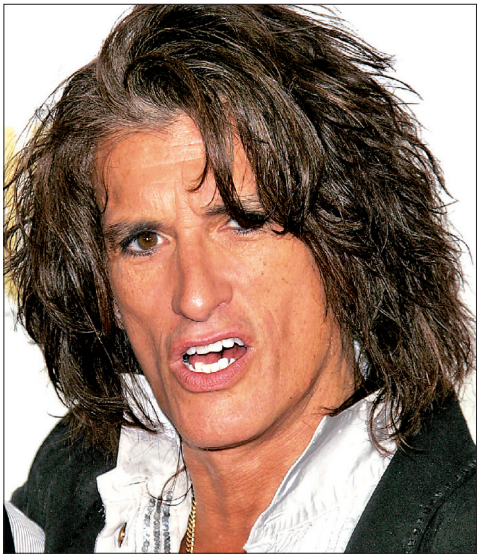
When Tyler left, the band was forced to cancel gigs and their recording plans. That gave Perry the chance to put together Have Guitar, Will Travel, his fourth solo record. The guitarist admits that it was refreshing to work on this disc, especially since he's disliked the last few Aerosmith releases.

"We haven't released a great studio record in 10 years," he says. "The music we were putting out wasn't turning my crank. It was material that I didn't like. We started working with outside songwriters and it was going in a direction wasn't happy with, so I was inspired to lay down songs that I enjoyed playing and listening back to. I haven't listened to the last couple of Aerosmith records."

It's a good thing then that his new record doesn't sound like an Aerosmith disc. It's an eclectic mix of blues and rock with crunchy guitars, speedy solos and classic hooks. While Perry sings on most of the tracks, he did hire a German guy named Hagen — his wife discovered him on YouTube — to lend his vocals to some of the more higher pitched melodies. While he holds his own, he does sound a lot like Tyler.

If anything does resemble Aerosmith (and parts do) Perry says he can't help it, and he doesn't mind.

"It's inevitable that some of the things will sound like what Aerosmith does," he explains. "I'm one of the two major songwriters in that band, so it's only natural you're going to hear that."



Joe Perry says he and Steven Tyler haven't spoken since Tyler abruptly left the band in November.

### In Concert

- The Joe Perry Project and Mötley Crüe play the Air Canada Centre tonight.

# The assassination of the American Dream

JOHN KEILLOR
for Metro Canada

**Attempting to murder American presidents is what ten characters have in common in Stephen Sondheim's 1990 musical, Assassins. What makes Americans kill their leaders, and what kind of American tries to pop the Prez?**

According to director Adam Brazier, unfortunate characters like these are built into the American Dream, like a computer glitch.

"This is a show about the American Dream and how it can be manipulated, and how it can become an expectation," says Brazier by phone. "It's seen now as a birthright. But the pursuit of happiness is the actual American birthright. Whether they get it or not is a separate issue."

With a situation like that, a lot of people can slip through society's cracks, as we've seen with the current American health care debate. These off-the-grid castaways seem to fester at the sidelines of their own culture. They are divided by poverty, by ineptitude and indifference.

It's probably inevitable that some of these people become monsters, which is bad for national security but fine for theatre.

"We can easily become misguided and forget about people who are outcasts and misfits," says Brazier. "We dismiss them, but we don't consider what sort of people we're creating by being this way. That's very current in American society today.

"Villains are interesting people," adds Brazier. "This is a show about villains and what compels them and drives them. And, more importantly, it's about how we relate to them."

Jay Davis, Paul McQuillan, Martin Julien and Eliza-Jane Scott in a scene from Assassins.

So the challenge is to watch someone performing the role of, say, Lee Harvey Oswald, and hear him try and justify his murderous actions, which are fascinating and indefensible. That's the sort of contradiction that makes drama, and America, so compelling. The morbid complexities of the first modern republic make for great theatre.

Brazier denies that concerns for U.S. President Obama's safety were why he chose to mount Assassins, but if people are bringing their social anxieties to the theatre, that's good.

"We want people to be upset and inspired," he says, "Our audience should come away angry and asking questions, and finding hope.

"I didn't choose this show because it's socially aware," concludes Brazier, "I'm sticking up for musical theatre. It's very seldom people take the risk of producing theatre that is thought provoking. We produce fiscally-minded shows, and that means being brave sometimes. This show demonstrates how good the musical form can be, if we just let it."

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- Assassins debuts tomorrow at The Theatre Centre

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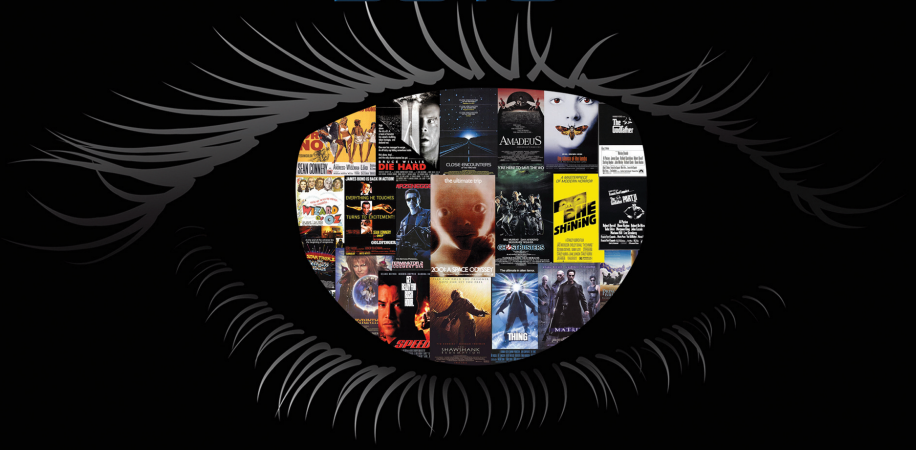

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# Real ladies, real looks

## The use of plus-sized models splits Metro's female readers

KENYA HUNT
for Metro Canada

**September 2009. Models with full breasts and show-stopping hips strut down the catwalk in the British designer Mark Fast's show. The media and public's reaction is uncomfortably strong and swift.**

Women were overwhelmingly grateful for the change from the impossibly thin standard to one that looked more like them and desperately wanted more.

"I think the weight issue has been a topic of conversation in the industry for a while. But it was definitely last September's Fashion Week that really brought the topic to the masses. You couldn't avoid the subject after that, it was everywhere," says Hayley Atwell, the plus-size model who inspired Fast to use real bodies in his show.

### By the numbers

- Metro polled readers in the U.S., Canada, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, Portugal and Hungary about the curvy model issue. Here are the results: Forty nine per cent female, 65 per cent men. Our female readers think that fashion models generally look too thin.
Our male readers think that fashion models in general look just right.

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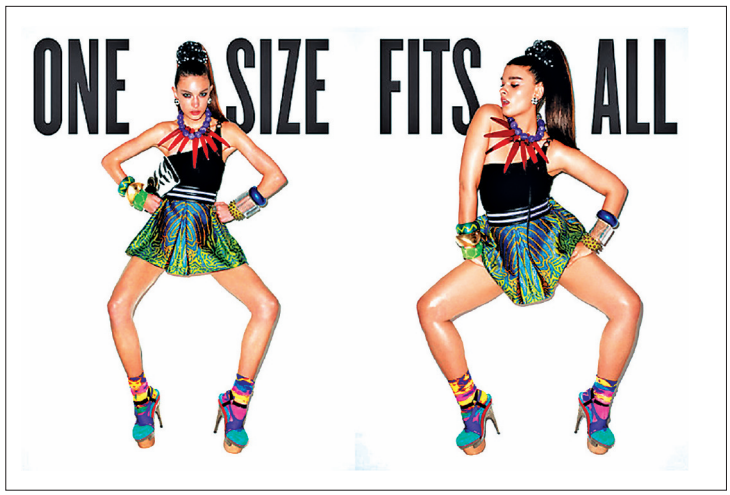


British designer Mark Fast used plus-sized models for his September 2009 fashion show.


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**Katie Price gets hitched**

British model and tabloid favourite Katie Price has married her cage-fighter boyfriend Alex Reid in Las Vegas. The couple says they married Tuesday "in a private, simple ceremony." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Any answers found in Lost?

**Hopeful, breathless, even fretful over what may lie ahead or be forever unexplained, Lost fans have welcomed back the ABC mystical thriller for its sixth season — the beginning of its long-coming, too-close-for-comfort finale.**

Two of the final 18 hours were aired Tuesday as its season premiere, after a warm-up Lost for Dummies recap that, even for the most devoted disciple, offered helpful cues to the ever-escalating mythology.

But did this double-dip opener address the pair of island mysteries gnawing at viewers since last May?

What was the upshot of the kookie nuclear explosion Jack (Matthew Fox) masterminded to rewrite history and render the series' whole storyline moot? And what's the scoop with the dead John Locke (Terry O'Quinn) coexisting with his very-much-alive John Locke look-alike?

(Warning: possible pesky spoilers ahead.)

Well, Jack is seen back on Oceanic Airlines Flight 815, and despite several moments of troubling turbulence, soon enough all seems well.

"Looks like we made it," Jack says to a fellow passenger as the flight smooths out.

Was this a replay of the original flight, just before the plane was pulled apart by electromagnetic energy and crashed in the series premiere?

Maybe Jack's grand plan to prevent the crash didn't work.

Or maybe it did.

Then the action shifts to the island and the construction site of the Swan station, where the nuclear bomb had been detonated to cap the deep pocket of electromagnetic forces. Jack, Kate (Evangeline Lily) and Sawyer (Josh Holloway) are bloodied and shaken up by the explosion.

And Juliet (Elizabeth Mitchell), who set off the nuke after plunging to the bottom of the shaft, is found by Sawyer alive. Alive long enough for their tearful farewell, anyway.

Elsewhere, the island's uber-boss, Jacob (Mark Pellegrino), who was apparently stabbed and burned to death in last season's finale, seems in fine fettle long enough to declare, "I died an hour ago."

As for the live version of Locke: Seems as though this is the human alter ego for the mysterious Smoke Monster, which has plagued the islanders in the past.

"I'm sorry you had to see me like that," he tells Ben (Michael Emerson), who is shocked by the sight of the carnage inflicted on Jacob's thuggish security guards.

Halfway through the program, the passengers of Oceanic 815 — including Locke, Jack and other favourite characters — are seen deplaning after the jet has safely landed in Los Angeles. Oddly, they mostly appear less than happy to be there, unhappy with themselves and with their lives. Even pitiful in their lives.

During this, which is perhaps some sort of alternate narrative device on which Lost thrives, Jack and Locke are thrown together at the airport for a brief conversation.

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Evangeline Lilly and Josh Holloway in a scene from Lost. The end is coming May 23, according to creators of the ABC series.

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A stage adaptation of Ellis's celebrated novel about a handsome, homicidal Wall Street bankers is in the works, featuring a score by Spring Awakenin composer Duncan Sheik and a book by playwright Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa, currently writing for the HBO television series Big Love.

Sheik said Tuesday in a statement that he reread Ellis's novel and what "may have seen as an over-the-top literary folly of the early '90s was in fact a pretty timeless tale of alienation.

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| | 605 | - | - | FASH | Britain's Next Top Model | | FashionTele | RAW | Canada's Next Top Model | | Britain's Next Top Model | | Australia's |

## critics'corner

**Hyper Parents & Coddled Kids**

In North America, they're called "helicopter parents" for the way they hover. In Sweden, they're "curling parents," sweeping the metaphorical ice for their kids. No matter what you call it, over-involved and overprotective parenting could backfire big-time, according to this documentary. Among others, you'll meet former "hyper parent" Carl Honore, author of "Under Pressure," and a mom who throws a $4,000 party for her daughter's first birthday. 9 PM on CBC

**The Nature of Things**

They may not be the cutest and cuddliest of animals, but bats play an important role in the Earth's ecosystem and are now helping to improve the quality of life for humans. The new episode "Bat & Man" reveals how scientists are unlocking the species' secrets, which could lead to improvements in aerodynamics. electronics and technology for the visually impaired. 8 PM on CBC

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Mongolian Steak Cube

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**He put a ring on it**

Ahead of the Valentine's Day rush, Beverly Hills, 90210's Ian Ziering has changed his Facebook status from being "in a relationship" to "engaged." "Her name is Erin Kristine Ludwig," Ziering, 45, tells People magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Celebrity Buzz

# Gearing up for rehab

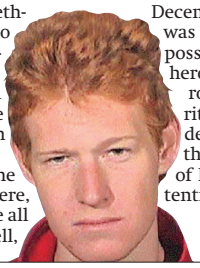
**A JUDGE SMACK DOWN** Redmond O'Neal has vowed to turn his life around, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The troubled 25-year-old son of Ryan O'Neal and late actress Farrah Fawcett penned a note promising to leave his "old ideas behind" as he was released from jail on drug offences and moved to a residential treatment centre on Tuesday.

The note, obtained by website Radar Online, said, "My plan is to go back with a new attitude and leave my old ideas behind. I am committed to doing this thing."

On Tuesday, Judge Michael Tynan gave Redmond another chance to put his life back together, by allowing him to be returned to Impact, a residential treatment centre in Pasadena, where he has previously been treated.

The judge said, "The plan for you is severe, and justifiably so. We all want you to do well, but it's up to you."

It was during an earlier spell at a different Los Angeles treatment centre that Redmond relapsed and was sent back to jail last December. He was found in possession of heroin during a routine security check by deputies in the car park of Pitchess Detention Center.



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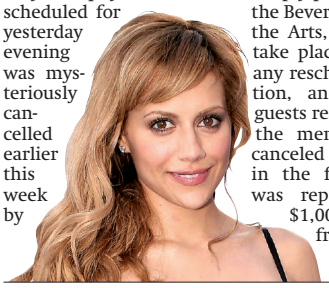
# Brittany's bash cancelled

**WHY DOES THIS WHOLE THING FEEL SO DARN DODGY?** A charity event to honour Brittany Murphy and raise money for the new Brittany Murphy Foundation scheduled for yesterday evening was mysteriously cancelled earlier this week by Murphy's husband, Simon Monjack, according to TMZ.

While Monjack reportedly insists the event was simply postponed, a call to the Beverly Hills Temple of the Arts, where it was to take place, doesn't reveal any rescheduling information, and an e-mail to guests reads, "So sorry but the memorial has been canceled due to an illness in the family." Monjack was reporting soliciting $1,000 in donations from each guest.



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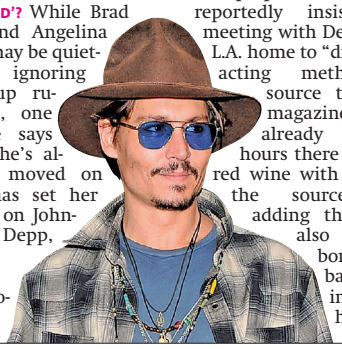
# Johnalina doesn't really work

**BUT WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO 'DISCUSS HIS ACTING METHOD'?** While Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie may be quietly ignoring breakup rumours, one source says that she's already moved on and has set her sights on Johnny Depp, who she'll be co-starring with in The Tourist.

In preparation, Jolie has reportedly insisted on meeting with Depp at his L.A. home to "discuss his acting method," a source tells Star magazine. "She's already spent hours there drinking red wine with Johnny," the source says, adding that she's also been bombarding him with flirty e-mails and phone calls. They begin filming in Venice at the end of February, and "Angie told Brad she's going to Italy without him," the source adds.



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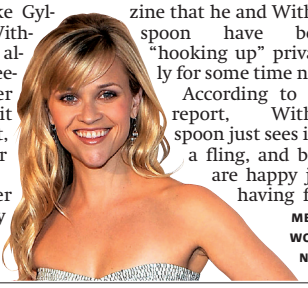
# Reese wants a piece

**OF DELICIOUS BUTT-LER** While getting over Jake Gyllenhaal, Reese Witherspoon has allegedly been seeing Gerard Butler and keeping it very, very quiet, according to Star magazine.

Though Butler was recently linked to co-star Jennifer Aniston, sources tell the magazine that he and Witherspoon have been "hooking up" privately for some time now. According to the report, Witherspoon just sees it as a fling, and both are happy just having fun.



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# Leaving fatherhood up to fate

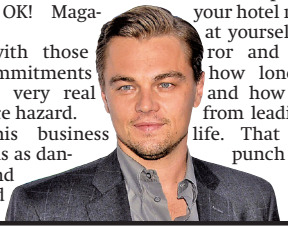
**LUCKILY THERE ARE THESE NEW FANGLED THINGS CALLED CONDOMS** Leonardo DiCaprio isn't opposed to becoming a father, but he's not in any hurry.

"I'm not that old, my biological clock isn't ticking yet. I'd like to leave it to fate if and when I'm going to be a father. A part of me has too many professional plans to even seriously consider it," he tells Germany's OK! Magazine.

And with those work commitments comes a very real workplace hazard.

"In this business nothing is as dangerous and as feared as loneliness," he says.

"At some point you're in your hotel room looking at yourself in the mirror and you realize how lonely you are and how far you are from leading a normal life. That is quite a punch in the gut."



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# Hitting a high note for Haiti

**LET'S HOPE IT HELPS** Help for Haiti after last month's devastating earthquake continues to pour in from Hollywood.

While Celine Dion and Wyclef Jean joined an all-star cast to record a new version of We Are the World earlier this week, Simon Cowell reportedly put together a celebrity charity single of his own, recruiting Robbie Williams, Leona Lewis, Rod Stewart and others to sing REM's Everybody Hurts.

And Jennifer Aniston is joining forces with AmeriCares to host a benefit screening of The Last Station, complete with post-screening cocktails and a chat with director Michael Hoffman, according to Hollyscoop.

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## CelebTweets

**DAVID SPADE** wants to clear some things up, **KIRSTIE ALLEY** doesn't appreciate her company, **JIM CARREY** has figured out his place in the world, and **SANDRA BERNHARD** doesn't have high hopes for Barbie.

@davidspade i was kidding when tmz asked me my favorite dinner was and i said spaghetti and 8 balls. just so evryone knows. it just sounded funny to me @kirstiealley Did someone open the gates of hell and unleash all the psychos this week? I never believed in that full moon stuff until now.go home crazies @JimCarrey television is weirdos judging weirdos viewed by weirdos who are just glad there are weirder weirdos out there. like me DAMN IT! @SandraBernhard barbies next career a bag screener at jfk

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# Spoiled baby

**WONDER IF HE KICKED AND PUNCHED THE GROUND, TOO?** Kanye West didn't kick up much of a fuss at the Grammys this year, but he reportedly did on his flight back to New York the next day. The rapper was appalled to find himself seated in business class instead of first class, according to Page Six, so West pitched a fit. "He wanted to be bumped up," a source says. Apparently, after enough of a tantrum, West and his assistant were moved to the appropriate cabin.

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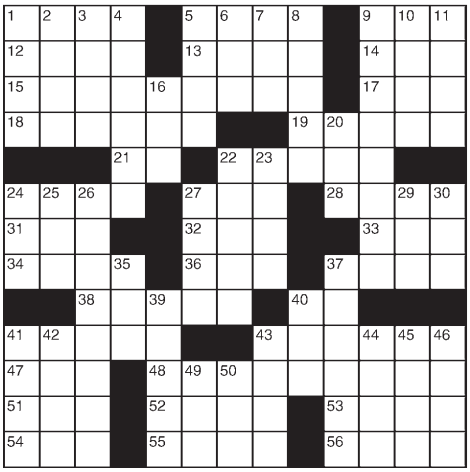

## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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**ACROSS**

1 Kills, "Sopranos" style
5 Mrs. Dithers, in "Blondie"
9 Retainer
12 Lotion additive
13 State with certainty
14 Egos' counterparts
15 Who's there
17 Tear
18 "Oops! I Did It Again" singer
19 Vile
21 "Heavens!"
22 Handed out hands
24 Vitriol
27 By way of
28 Lambs' cries
31 Underwear with underwire
32 Corn spike
33 Sort
34 "Deal or No Deal" choice
36 Hostel
37 Without acting
38 Refrain phrase
40 Indefinite article
41 Kind of point
43 Classify
47 "Eureka!"
48 Back-breaker?
51 Zero
52 Hodgepodge
53 Basso Pinza
54 Scale member
55 Distort
56 Spacecraft compartments

**DOWN**

1 Lummoxes
2 Buy, fix up and resell
3 Links warning
4 Big Bird's street
5 Urban fleet
6 Eggs
7 In medias —
8 Where the action is
9 Emergency treatment
10 Tend texts
11 Get a glimpse of
16 Give it a go
20 Priest's garment
22 Forest goddess
23 Have coming
24 English channel?
25 401(k) alternative
26 Bartender's pronouncement
27 Bride's cover
29 Every iota
30 Firmament
35 Historic time
37 Foot part
39 Let
40 Fool
41 Bleacherites
42 Ashtabula's state
43 On
44 Rice-shaped pasta
45 Incursion
46 "— company, ..."
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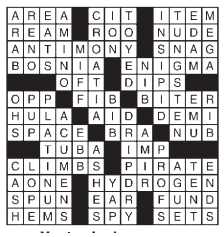
50 Round Table address

**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**



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## On the web

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## Metro Recipe of the Day

STEPHEN MCLEOD

### Sweet Orange Chicken Stir Fry

Submitted by Debra Bashford, Cherry Valley, Ont.

**INGREDIENTS:**

1 tbsp water
2 tsp cornstarch
1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs quartered
3/4 cup thinly sliced carrots
1/4 cup chopped red pepper
3/4 cup orange juice
1 tbsp brown sugar
2 tsp balsamic vinegar
2 Tsp hoisin sauce
salt & pepper to taste

**METHOD:**

1. Stir water into cornstarch in small cup. Set aside.
2. Heat large frying pan or wok on medium-high until very hot. Add cooking oil. Add chicken. Stir-fry for about 5 minutes until browned. Add carrots and peppers.
3. Combine orange juice, brown sugar, balsamic, hoisin sauce and salt and pepper in a small bowl.
4. Add to chicken mixture. Stir. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, covered, for about 6 minutes until chicken is no longer pink inside and veggies are tender crisp.
5. Stir in cornstarch mixture. Heat and stir for about 1 minute until thickened.

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**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**
Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Libra may incline you to believe that everyone is against you, but are they really?

**TAURUS**
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**
You should stop trying to control everything that happens and let fate guide you in a more profitable direction.

**GEMINI**
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**
You may live more in the head than the heart but today's cosmic influences suggest you will be softer and gentler than usual.

**CANCER**
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**
Try not to be quite so distrustful today. If someone approaches you with an idea don't turn them away — listen carefully to what they have to say.

**LEO**
**JULY 23-AUG 23**
Something will happen over the next few days that makes all your current plans redundant, so why force yourself to do things you don't enjoy?

**VIRGO**
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**
You will be in an unusually forgiving mood today: you cannot be bothered to make an issue of things.

**LIBRA**
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**
You will be open to alternative viewpoints today, even if you are one of those Librans who take it as a personal insult when other people disagree with you.

**SCORPIO**
**OCT 24-NOV 22**
Today's cosmic influences urge you to give up resisting what is going to happen whether you like it or not.

**SAGITTARIUS**
**NOV 23-DEC 21**
Are you living up to the image you have in your mind of who and what you should be? If the answer is No, now is the time to do something about it.

**CAPRICORN**
**DEC 22-JAN 20**
If you find it difficult to get excited about the task that is in front of you it probably means you should be doing something else.

**AQUARIUS**
**JAN 21-FEB 18**
All your fears and anxieties will seem irrelevant today and you will feel a great sense of mental and emotional completeness.

**PISCES**
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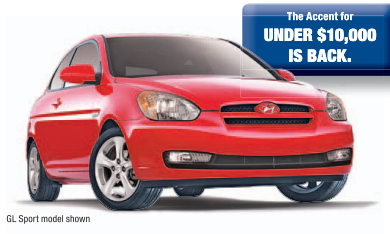

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